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Districts cleared to start before Labor Day

With waiver granted, it's up to individual Berrien schools about how to proceed

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Berrien County school districts have received their waiver to start school before Labor Day this fall, but it remains to be seen whether individual districts will actually do it.

The Berrien Regional Education Service Agency hosted a public hearing on the issue Tuesday afternoon. The hearing featured remarks from Chad Urchike of the Michigan Department of Education, Berrien RESA Superintendent Kevin Ivers and two local superintendents.

Urchike spoke via telephone to the dozen or so people in attendance and granted the three-year waiver at the conclusion of the 45 minute hearing. "Districts can choose to implement the waiver at their discretion," he said. "State law only says that districts can't be in session on the Friday before Labor Day."

Berrien Springs Superintendent Dave Eichberg has chaired the Berrien County Superintendents' calendar committee since last fall. He noted that superintendents have gathered information and input over the past few months in anticipation of applying for the waiver.

"I want to make sure there's clarity," he said after the waiver was granted. "This is not automatic. It is a local decision in the individual districts to choose."

The waiver decision didn't sit too well with the two St. Joseph residents who spoke during the hearing. They didn't want to see the waiver granted and then expressed hope that the St. Joseph district won't use it, or will delay it a year.

St. Joseph High School junior Elise Voglewede said she is a sixth-year Mackinac Island Honor Scout and has served with the Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard during the 10 days before Labor Day the last five years, and wants to do it again this year. Honor guard members are responsible for flags, serve as guides and take part in service projects.

"I have learned so many life lessons and skills that will only be used throughout high school but throughout adulthood as well," she said. "If the pre-Labor Day start waiver is signed and in effect for the 2020-21 school year I will no longer be able to represent Southwest Michigan and the state through this amazing

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Ice tour

Don Campbell / HP staff

A kayaker paddles past a field of Lake Michigan ice Monday afternoon off the shores of St. Joseph.

Stanson pleads to contempt, still faces CSC charges

Bridgman man fled for Mexico in 2015

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BRIDGMAN — A fugitive from Bridgman who fled the country years ago and was captured recently in Mexico faced a Berrien County Trial Court judge Tuesday.

William Troy Stanson, 53, pleaded guilty to contempt of court for failure to appear for sentencing in January 2015. Judge Angela Pasula accepted his plea and sentenced him to 93 days in jail. But that's just the start for Stanson, who faces several more charges, including four counts of criminal sexual contact.

STANSON

A hearing on those, filed by state police, is set for Thursday before Judge Charles LaSata.

Bridgman police Sgt. Tom LaVanway appeared Jan. 29 on the Investigation Discovery TV network in an episode of "In Pursuit With John Walsh," with the ongoing search for Stanson being the subject. A viewer's tip led police to Stanson, who was captured in Northwestern Mexico by Mexican authorities, Guardia Eststal de Seguridad of Baja, Calif., a week after the episode aired.

Bridgman Police Chief Daniel Unruh said police first investigated accusations against Stanson in 2014 and he was charged with four counts of accosting a minor for immoral purposes and two counts of furnishing alcohol to minors. The charges stemmed from him allegedly having relatives and their younger friends over to his house, where he allowed them to drink alcohol and had inappropriate relations with them, Unruh said.

In June 2015, Stanson pleaded no contest to one count of accosting minors for immoral purposes, posted bond and was released from jail pending sentencing.

According to police, he failed to show up to court for sentencing in August 2015 and had been on the run since.

State police investigated Stanson in July 2015 while he was out on bond, and warrants were issued for his arrest charging him with four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct dating back to 2010. But by then he was nowhere to be found.

His lawyer, Assistant Public

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Rise of Sanders figured into Upton decision

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. JOSEPH — Congressman Fred Upton says the early primary success of Democrat Bernie Sanders played a part in his decision to seek re-election to his 18th term.

Upton, R-St. Joseph, announced Monday evening of his intentions to run again. He was being watched closely as a potential House retiree as Republicans attempt to regain the chamber majority in the November elections. He entered the House in 1987.

But while several departing GOP lawmakers have included the frustrations of being in the chamber's minority among their reasons for leaving, Upton said in an interview that the rise of Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., as front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination "probably" was a factor in his decision to run again. Many Republicans believe a Sanders nomination would dramatically increase their chances of capturing House control.

Upton, 66, told The Associated Press he believed Sanders would hurt the campaigns of down-ballot Democratic candidates, saying Sanders is "too much to chew on" for many Michigan voters.

Twenty-seven Republicans are not seeking reelection to the House, and four others have already resigned and left office. The GOP will need to gain 18 seats to take over the House, assuming it retains several vacant

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Talks underway in Congress on 'Retirement 2.0' savings package

By DOUG SWORD
CQ-Roll Call (TNS)

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats have begun discussing a new round of retirement savings legislation centered on House Ways and Means Chairman Richard E. Neal's proposal to require businesses with at least 10 employees to offer retirement plans and automatically funnel a portion of their workers' pay into savings.

Backers, including insurers and other investment providers who will gain new customers, say the requirement will fill the biggest gap in America's workplace retirement system: small businesses, who often don't have the wherewithal to bear the costs and administrative burdens of setting up 401(k)-style plans. Such plans have tax benefits that outside savings plans do not, and also often come with the added bonus of an employer match.

Most workers who don't have access to workplace plans work for smaller firms, analysts say. Absent individual savings, these workers could have to rely in part on Social Security's average annual benefit of less than $18,000 to get through retirement.

Workers without a company-backed savings plan can make tax-deductible contributions of up to $6,000 this year to a traditional Individual Retirement Account – $7,000 for individuals ages 50 and older – or to a Roth IRA, to which an individual can make nondeductible contributions that are tax-free upon withdrawal.

But those tax benefits are limited based on income, whereas contributions to a workplace savings plan are tax-deferred – or tax-free withdrawals in the case of a Roth 401(k) – regardless of income. In addition, workers can contribute much higher amounts: up to $19,500 in 2020 to a 401(k)-type plan, plus an additional $6,500 catch-up contribution for those ages 50 and older.

The default option under Neal's proposal would be a Roth, which costs the government less upfront since taxes are taken out first, but ultimately it costs more decades down the road because the built-up savings aren't taxed again. With a tax-deferred account, the Treasury takes in less in the early years but gets its cut when workers retire.

The American Council of Life Insurers, a trade group, estimates Neal's auto-enrollment plan would provide access to workplace plans for 30 million workers. Workers can opt out of participating, but ACLI estimates 22 million are likely to enroll, cutting in half the size of the workforce that currently doesn't have the opportunity to build up assets in an employer-sponsored plan.

Neal, D-Mass., told CQ Roll Call that he has started talks with Ways and Means ranking member Kevin Brady, R-Texas, on a "Retirement 2.0" package – the

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Experts warn virus spread in U.S. certain

By ADAM GELLER and KIM TONG-HYUNG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. health officials warned Tuesday that the burgeoning coronavirus is certain to spread more widely in the country at some point, even as their counterparts in Europe and Asia scrambled to contain new outbreaks of the illness.

"It's not so much a question of if this will happen anymore, but rather more a question of exactly when this will happen – and how many people in this country will have severe illness," Dr. Nancy Messonnier of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a call with reporters.

The CDC's call for Americans to be prepared added new urgency to response efforts that, until this week, focused on a disease largely confined to China, where it apparently originated, and neighboring countries.

In other developments Tuesday:

■ New clusters of the illness popped up far from China, causing increased concerns for officials in some of the wealthiest nations in Europe and Asia, as well as in countries with far fewer resources. But many remained uncertain about how best to contain it.

The new outbreaks were reported in places as far-flung as Italy and Iran, France and Algeria, and Spain's Canary Islands. The tiny Persian Gulf nation of Bahrain said it had 17 cases, including a school bus driver who had transported students as recently as Sunday.

In Iran, the head of the country's virus task force, who just a day earlier had urged the public not to overreact about the spread of the disease, tested positive himself. The official, Iraj Harirchi, posted a new video online, promising authorities would bring the virus under control within weeks.

But a ministry spokesman, Kianoush Jahanpour, said it could take at least until the Persian New Year's holiday on March 20, or as long as late April, to contain the disease. "We don't expect a miracle in the short term," he said.

■ Officials in South Korea said they were racing to contain an outbreak that has grown to nearly 1,000 cases.

"It's a matter of speed and time: We must create a clear turning point within this week," President Moon Jae-in said. In the largest cluster, in the city of Daegu and nearby towns, many shops remained closed Tuesday and activity in some neighborhoods came to a near standstill.

On a U.S. military base in Daegu, the center of infections in South Korea, officials said a 61-year-old widow of a U.S. service member had also been infected. It was the first known case among people related to the thousands of U.S. troops stationed in the country.

■ The virus' toll continued to mount, even as Chinese officials reported a slowing in the number of new cases. As of Tuesday, the spread of the illness had sickened some 80,000 people worldwide and caused about 2,700 deaths.

The vast majority of those infections remain in China, where 518 new cases were reported Tuesday and another 71 deaths, 68 of them in the central city of Wuhan, where the epidemic was first detected in December. The updates bring mainland China's totals to 77,780 cases and 2,666 deaths, according to the World Health Organization.

WHO said the fatality rate was between 2 percent and 4 percent in Wuhan and 0.7 percent elsewhere in China.

Dr. Bruce Aylward, the WHO envoy who led a team just back from China, told reporters Tuesday the reason for the large discrepancy was partly because the disease hit Wuhan early and fast, when "people didn't know what we were dealing with, were learning how to treat this."

At the beginning of the outbreak, "people were finding severe disease, that's why the alarm bell went off," Aylward said. But now with more aggressive testing, mild cases are being diagnosed and isolated.

Jin Yeon-soo

Workers wearing protective gears spray disinfectant as a precaution against the new coronavirus at Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea on Tuesday. China and South Korea on Tuesday reported more cases of a new viral illness that has been concentrated in North Asia but is causing global worry as clusters grow in the Middle East and Europe.

■ In Italy's north, where more than 200 people were sickened, a dozen towns were sealed off and police wearing face masks patrolled. Italian Health Minister Roberto Speranza huddled in Rome with counterparts from bordering countries – France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia – as well as with those from Germany and Croatia, two countries whose citizens are among frequent visitors to Italy. Among the shared points of view emerging from the meeting, Speranza told reporters, was this one: "Closing borders is inappropriate" as a response. Italian officials reported 322 cases of the virus, including 11 deaths.

Croatia and Austria reported their first cases of the virus. And an Italian doctor staying at a hotel in the Canary Islands tested positive for the virus, prompting the quarantine of hundreds of guests.

Croatia, Hungary and Ireland advised against traveling to Italy's affected area, one of a number of government moves seeking to limit further exposure.

■ The virus' spread fueled apprehension in world financial markets. In the U.S., stock indexes piled on a second consecutive day of losses, falling more than 3 percent. Investor fears that the outbreak will slow the world economy drove increased demand for low-risk U.S. government bonds.

"It's the combination of South Korea, Japan, Italy and even Iran" reporting virus cases, said Yung-Yu Ma, chief investment strategist at BMO Wealth Management. "That really woke up the market, that these four places in different places around the globe can go from low concern to high concern in a matter of days and that we could potentially wake up a week from now and it could be five to 10 additional places."

European markets also fell. The Euro Stoxx index lost 2.1 percent. Markets in Asia were mixed.

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Defender Stephanie Low, told Pasula that Stanson fled the country "out of sheer panic."

Stanson will be sentenced on the original charge of accosting a child for immoral purposes at 1:30 p.m. March 30, and will have a preliminary hearing on the new charges of CSC on Thursday.

He is in the Berrien County jail with bond set at $2 million.

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UPTON

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seats it formerly controlled.

Upton voted against the impeachment of President Donald Trump. Before casting his vote, Upton called the impeachment process "highly partisan and clearly motivated by what I believe is an attempt to overturn the last election."

Trump was accused of abusing his power by asking Ukraine to investigate his 2020 rival, Joe Biden, while holding military aid as leverage. He also was accused of obstructing Congress by blocking the House's efforts to probe his actions.

Upton served as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee from 2010 to 2016, and he is currently the vice chair of the Problem Solvers Caucus. His southwest Michigan district includes Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties and most of Allegan County.

Upton has served under five presidents during his more than 30 years in Congress. His re-election campaigns have emphasized what he calls "common-sense values" and bipartisan accomplishments.

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BH school board chooses new member

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor native Dashuna Robinson was not only appointed Tuesday as the newest trustee on the Benton Harbor school board, but she was named the board's secretary.

The 2003 Benton Harbor High School graduate told trustees that after leaving the area to obtain a bachelor's degree, she returned six years ago to help her community.

ROBINSON

"I wanted to ensure that I was able to give my community what my community has given to me," she said during the special school board meeting. "I know that the Benton Harbor Area Schools district was very instrumental in me becoming the professional that I am today."

Robinson works as an assistant supervisor for the Department of Health and Human Services for Berrien County, where she supervises eligibility specialists who determine the eligibility of individuals applying for government assistance.

"I want to do my part in ensuring that I can motivate future students and that we can have future success stories from our district, such as myself," she said.

Robinson said she has more than 13 years of experience working with children and families in crisis, including as the program area supervisor at the YWCA of Kalamazoo, where she supervised a 46-bed domestic violence shelter.

Board President Joseph Taylor said he was proud to appoint a candidate who is a product of the school district.

The board also interviewed was Roosevelt Bell of Benton Harbor. Robinson replaces Patricia Rush, who resigned from the board at the end of January.

Wilhite honored

Also on Tuesday, trustees approved placing the name of Paul Wilhite, the longtime former coach of the Benton Harbor girls and boys basketball teams, on the gym floor at Benton Harbor High School.

The plan was first presented to them last month by Dayrl Jackson, president of the Benton Harbor Athletic Sports Club. He said his organization has raised money to pay for implementation.

Taylor said Wilhite is the winningest coach in the district's history.

"I wanted to bring that back ... so we can give people their flowers while they are alive and not after the fact," he said.

After the meeting, Jackson said he hopes to have Wilhite's name on the floor with a short ceremony before the end of the school year.

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Residents are concerned with parking along the narrow section of Vine Street, located below the bluff in St. Joseph. Most of the houses on the west side of the street face Lions Park Drive and use Vine Street as an alley. The houses on the east side face Vine Street and back up to the railroad track.

Vine Street residents tired of parking woes

They want overnight no-parking zone set, like other nearby streets

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Is Vine Street in St. Joseph an alley or street?

That's a question St. Joseph city commissioners are expected to consider at their next meeting, on March 16.

Three residents who live on Vine Street told the commissioners Monday that they are having problems with overnight parking and with trash cans being left out all week.

Resident Suzanne Wattles said overnight parking is not allowed on any other street that is below the bluff.

"We want to figure out why parking is allowed on our street as well as trash cans left out," she said during the public comments portion of Monday's agenda. "... We need to get this together, and we need to have our road look as nice as every other street that is below the bluff as well as in town."

Resident Jack Bartoszek said he can't get into his driveway when cars are parked across the street. In fact, he said the street is so narrow it is classified as an alley.

His wife, Joni Bartoszek, said that when there is snow, the street is narrowed even more.

"The plows, they won't come through there because they can't get through there," she said. "... There's no sidewalks. I'm trying to walk the dog every day. ... The garbage cans are thrown all over after garbage day because the people on Lions Park treat it as an alley."

She said there's also a safety concern.

"What if there's a fire?" she said. "What if we need an ambulance to come through?"

She said that because overnight parking is not allowed on Lions Park Drive, many of the people who are short-term rentals on that street park on Vine Street, instead.

"We just want it to be nice," Joni Bartoszek said.

Most of the houses on the west side of the street face Lions Park Drive and use the three-block section of Vine Street as an alley. The houses on the east side face Vine Street and back up to the railroad track.

Jack Bartoszek said that a survey done by city staff last summer found that most of the respondents favored making Vine Street a no-parking zone all year round.

City Manager John Hodgson said he's been trying to get the parking problem on Vine Street on the agenda since last October, but other issues have gotten in the way.

In other business, commissioners approved:

■ Hiring SME in Kalamazoo for up to $24,300 to complete a condition assessment of the Water Street Retaining Wall, which was built in the early 1900s and supports the area the Howard Bandshell rests on.

■ Having the South Shore Health and Racquet Club run the City Summer Tennis Program this summer, since long-time instructor Pat Hoffman has retired.

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SOUTH HAVEN

Sherman's Dairy Bar re-opening pushed back to May

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — March not only signals the beginning of spring in South Haven, but more importantly, to ice cream lovers it signifies the annual re-opening of Sherman's Dairy Bar.

This year, however, people will have to wait a little bit longer to enjoy their favorite frozen concoction.

To facilitate building upgrades, Sherman's will now re-open May 1, according to Marty O'Connor, general manager of the dairy bar that has become a favorite stop over the year for both locals and visitors alike.

Upgrades to the building at 1601 Phoenix Road will include new signage and interior improvements.

"We appreciate everyone's patience as we complete renovations to our space on Phoenix Street," O'Connor said. "We look forward to welcoming old friends, making new ones and helping create new memories for everyone who makes a stop at Sherman's Dairy Bar a part of their summer plans."

The improvements come on the heels of Sherman's new partnership with Holland-based Hudsonville Ice Cream.

In November of 2019, Sherman's inked a deal to have Hudsonville Ice Cream produce its ice cream varieties at the company's Holland creamery. Sherman's had stopped making ice cream at its South Haven plant in May 2019 due to equipment issues. In the interim, the company had some of its products made by other creameries, including Ashby's, based in Ludington.

Sherman's began as a dairy in 1916 and shifted its focus to producing ice cream in the 1950s. The creamery created traditional favorites while introducing more unique flavors over the years, such as Grasshopper, Chocolate Malt Supreme and Cappuccino. The full lineup of flavors served at Sherman's Dairy Bar will be announced this spring.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Sherman's Dairy Bar in South Haven is expected to re-open May 1 after new signage and updates. Normally the store opens for business earlier in the season.

Cancer survivor completes 50 5K's in a year's time

Lakeland administrator finishes out amazing year in Monaco

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — A year ago, cancer survivor Melinda Gruber set out to run 50 5K runs by the time she turned 50.

This month, she not only accomplished her goal but received recognition from a royal figure who represents the tiny European Principality of Monaco.

How Gruber found herself in the company of Prince Albert II of Monaco began a little over a year ago when she was mulling how to commemorate reaching the big 5-0.

"Last year as I was approaching my 49th birthday one of the things I thought about was staying in shape," she said in an interview in November after she had completed 40 races.

Gruber went on to explain how she had heard about other people setting a goal of performing 50 tasks by the time their

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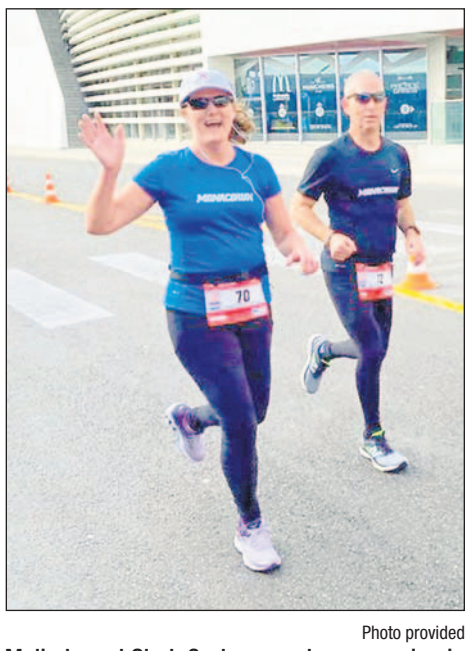

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Melinda and Clark Gruber are shown running in The Monaco Run-Hercules 5K run in the principality of Monaco earlier this month. At this time last year, Melinda Gruber set a goal of completing 50 5K races by her 50th birthday, which just happened to fall on Feb. 16 – the day of the race.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Jameel McGee bound over for trial

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A Benton Harbor man will face trial on a charge of assault with intent to murder after a judge found probable cause in a preliminary hearing.

Jameel McGee, 39, was bound over by Berrien County Trial Court Judge Angela Pasula at the conclusion of his hearing Tuesday. He is accused of shooting Dalonte Carter, 22, in the leg and in the stomach early in the morning on Aug. 15, 2019, outside the Blossom Acres Housing complex in Benton Township. Carter survived.

Berrien County Sheriff's Deputy Morgan Hubbell was working for Benton Township Police Department at the time. She said she was first to arrive at the scene of the 2:40 a.m. shooting that morning. There, she testified Tuesday, she found Dalonte Carter lying on the ground bleeding from two gunshot wounds. She said she applied pressure to the wounds until an ambulance arrived.

Hubbell told the court Carter was unable to tell her who shot him.

An earlier witness, Eddie Glaspy, when testifying last week, pointed to McGee as the shooter. McGee's lawyer, Daniel Grow, questioned the credibility of Glaspy, saying he was unable to provide a description of the suspect when he was interviewed by police.

St. Joseph Public Safety Officer Nicholas Cooper also was working for Benton Township Police Department at the time. He testified last week that he was on patrol when he took a call about a person with a gun, along with a description of the man and his clothing.

Jeffrey Taylor, chief trial attorney in the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office, played for the court a recording of the anonymous call in which a female voice tells a 911 dispatcher that "there's a man outside with a gun in his pocket," describes what he is wearing and says, "He's the shooter from the other night."

Cooper spotted the man and, after a brief struggle, got him handcuffed and found a gun in his waistband. The man, identified by police as Jameel McGee, is not allowed to carry a gun because he has prior felony convictions.

McGee was bound over for trial in August 2019 on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a firearm by a felon, assaulting/resisting and obstructing police and two counts of weapons felony firearms.

The assault with intent to murder charge was added

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SOUTH HAVEN

Authority expects $1.7M savings by refinancing bonds

Water/sewer authority may apply money to address high water woes

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — A governmental authority that oversees municipal water and sewer services in the South Haven area expects to see a boost in revenue this year.

South Haven Area Water and Sewer Authority (SHAWSA) has found it will save nearly $2 million by refinancing bonds that were first issued in 2010.

"We found we could save more money (by refinancing the bonds) because the interest rates are less now than they were then," said Ross Stein, a member of SHAWSA and supervisor of South Haven Township.

The SHAWSA board is responsible for overseeing the operation of water and sewer services in the city of South Haven and portions of neighboring South Haven and Casco townships.

In 2010 the board's predecessor – South Haven Township and Casco Township Water and Sewage Treatment Authority – issued $17 million in bonds to help fund water and sewer improvements.

The bonds are due to be paid back by 2034, but late last year, the authority's attorney, Roger Swets of Dickinson Wright PLLC, indicated money could be save by refinancing the bonds.

The bond issue still needs to be paid back by 2034, but the authority estimates it will save at least $1.7 million by financing at a lower interest rate.

"Saving $1.7 million over 14 years is a decent set of work," Stein said.

Whether the savings from refinancing the bonds will be passed to users of the water and sewer system is not known right now.

"I would be hesitant to say anything at this point," Stein said.

Several months ago, SHAWSA hired a consultant to study its rate structure. Results of the study will be used to determine what rates to charge not only for water and sewer usage, but for water and sewer hookups and other services.

The $1.7 million could also be used to help pay for anticipated expenses that occur at the water and wastewater treatment plants if flooding and erosion problems on the lakeshore continue this year.

SHAWSA anticipates it could spend up to $1 million to mitigate flooding problems at the wastewater sewage treatment plant due to high water levels on Lake Michigan and the Black River over the past year.

Right now when water enters the plant to be treated, it flows through treatment stages by gravitational force. But the high water flow is making it more difficult to remove treated water from the plant into the Black River. To deal with the issue, city officials say the way the water flows through the treatment stages at the plant will have to be changed.

Stocks sink, bonds soar on fears coronavirus will stunt economy

By ALEX VEIGA and STAN CHOE
AP Business Writers

Stocks fell sharply again on Wall Street Tuesday, piling on losses a day after the market's biggest drop in two years as fears spread that the growing virus outbreak will put the brakes on the global economy.

Nervous investors snapped up low-risk U.S. government bonds, sending the yield on the 10-year Treasury note to a record low.

The S&P 500 has lost 7.6 percent in the last four days since hitting a record high last Wednesday. That's the benchmark index's worst such stretch since the end of 2018, resulting in $2.14 trillion in losses, according to S&P Global. Tuesday also marked the first back-to-back 3 percent losses for the index since the summer of 2015.

The latest wave of selling came as more companies, including United Airlines and Mastercard, warned that the outbreak will hurt their finances, and more cases were reported in Europe and the Middle East, far outside the epicenter in China. Meanwhile, U.S. health officials called on Americans to be prepared for the disease to spread in the United States, where there are currently just a few dozen cases.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 879 points, for a two-day loss of 1,911 points. Travel-related stocks took another drubbing, bringing the two-day loss for American Airlines to 16.9 percent. The large publicly traded cruise operators have also suffered double-digit losses.

The worst-case scenario for investors – where the virus spreads around the world and cripples supply chains and the global economy – hasn't changed in the last few weeks. But the probability of it happening has risen, said Yung-Yu Ma, chief investment strategist at BMO Wealth Management.

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Traders Andrew Silverman, left, and Sal Suarino work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday. Stocks opened slightly higher on Wall Street as the market claws back some of the ground it lost in a dramatic sell-off a day earlier.

"It's the combination of South Korea, Japan, Italy and even Iran" reporting virus cases, Ma said. "That really woke up the market."

The S&P 500 index fell 3 percent, the Dow lost 3.2 percent and the Nasdaq dropped 2.8 percent, erasing its gains for the year.

European markets also fell. Markets in Asia were mixed.

Technology stocks, which rely heavily on China for both sales and supply chains, once again led the decline. Apple dropped 3.4 percent and chipmaker Nvidia slid 4.1 percent.

Bond prices continued rising. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell as low as 1.31 percent, a record, according to TradeWeb, before recovering somewhat to 1.35 percent in the late afternoon. The yield is down from 1.37 percent late Monday and far below the 1.90 percent it stood at in early 2020.

The lower bond yields, which force interest rates lower on mortgages and other loans, weighed on banks. JPMorgan Chase slid 4.5 percent and Bank of America fell 5 percent.

Real estate companies and utilities also fell, though they held up better than the rest of the market as investors favored safe-play stocks.

The viral outbreak that originated in China has now infected more than 80,000 people globally, with more cases being reported in Europe and the Middle East. The majority of cases and deaths remain centered in China, but the rapid spread to other parts of the world has spooked markets and raised fears that it will hurt the global economy.

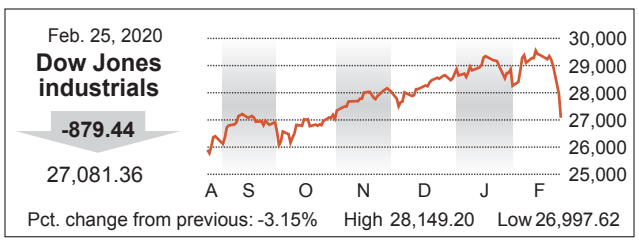
On Tuesday, U.S. health officials warned that it's inevitable the virus will spread more widely in America.

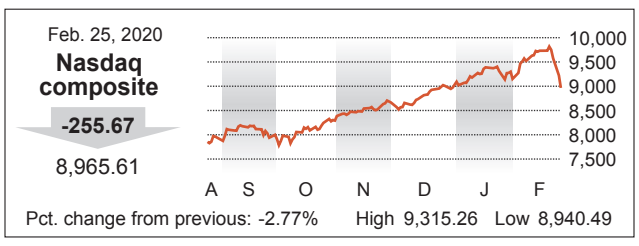
"It's not so much a question of if this will happen anymore, but rather more a question of exactly when this will happen – and how many people in this country will have severe illness," Dr. Nancy Messonnier of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a call with reporters.

Energy companies have been some of the hardest hit on worries that a weakened global economy will burn less fuel. Exxon Mobil is down 10.2 percent over the last four days, and the slump has wiped away nearly $26 billion in market value.

But the losses extend far beyond the energy sector. A rapidly spreading virus threatens factories, shipments of parts and customers for businesses around the world.

MARKETS





Amer Elec Power AEP
$98.17 **-4.21 -4.1%**
▼ **4-wk.** -3.9% ▲ **YTD** +3.9%

Whirlpool WHR
$137.15 **-11.93 -8.0%**
▼ **4-wk.** -12.5% ▼ **YTD** -7.0%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	29.67	39.70	37.35	-.70	-1.8	▼	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	80.66	104.97	98.17	-1.87	-1.9	▼	▼	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	169.50	327.85	288.08	-10.10	-3.4	▼	▼	▼
AutoZone	AZO	916.85	1274.41	1032.69	-23.95	-2.3	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	33.86	45.38	32.93	-1.13	-3.3	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	53.55	69.12	66.84	-1.41	-2.1	▼	▼	▲
CocaCola	KO	44.61	60.07	57.82	-.83	-1.4	▼	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	37.89	47.74	43.17	-1.43	-3.2	▼	▼	▼
Deere	DE	132.68	180.48	166.65	-5.21	-3.0	▲	▲	▼
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	128.19	-4.82	-3.6	▼	▼	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	85.37	119.71	88.67	-2.37	-2.6	▼	▲	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	56.36	83.49	54.20	-2.16	-3.8	▼	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	24.17	31.64	27.07	-1.24	-4.4	▼	▼	▼
1stSource	SRCE	41.88	53.42	45.25	-.98	-2.1	▼	▼	▼
FordM	F	7.55	10.56	7.23	-.34	-4.5	▼	▼	▼
GenElec	GE	7.65	13.26	11.32	-.54	-4.6	▼	▼	▲
HomeDp	HD	179.52	247.12	237.38	-2.32	-1.0	▼	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	15.21	19.48	16.11	-.52	-3.1	▼	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	12.15	15.63	12.83	-.67	-5.0	▼	▼	▼
IDEX	IEX	142.20	178.14	162.84	-6.60	-3.9	▼	▼	▼
IBM	IBM	126.85	158.75	141.71	-4.72	-3.2	▼	▲	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	98.09	141.10	126.26	-5.90	-4.5	▼	▼	▼
JohnJn	JNJ	126.10	154.50	144.65	-1.26	-0.9	▼	▼	▼
Lowes	LOW	91.60	126.73	118.52	-4.39	-3.6	▼	▼	▼
McDnlds	MCD	178.27	221.93	212.10	-1.42	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	108.80	190.70	168.07	-2.82	-1.7	▼	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	33.94	49.88	37.57	-1.42	-3.6	▼	▼	▼
Penney	JCP	0.53	1.92	.70	+.00	+0.4	▼	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.68	60.98	60.80	+1.59	+2.7	▲	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	33.97	44.56	33.93	-.74	-2.1	▼	▼	▼
ProctGam	PG	97.75	128.09	121.43	-1.87	-1.5	▼	▼	▼
RepubSvc	RSG	76.13	100.91	97.05	-1.88	-1.9	▼	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	14.45	23.02	17.44	-.63	-3.5	▼	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	174.84	226.30	206.31	-9.24	-4.3	▼	▼	▼
TCF Finl	TCF	35.96	47.71	39.67	-1.65	-4.0	▼	▼	▼
Target	TGT	70.03	130.24	111.72	-2.06	-1.8	▼	▼	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	88.02	114.25	93.15	-3.31	-3.4	▼	▼	▼
UPS B	UPS	92.65	125.31	93.90	-4.59	-4.7	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	54.26	62.22	57.12	-.87	-1.5	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	75.53	103.25	100.41	-1.41	-1.4	▼	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	96.53	125.38	114.39	-1.93	-1.7	▼	▼	▼
WalgBoots	WBA	49.01	71.88	47.51	-1.52	-3.1	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	23.98	22.96	-.43	-1.8	▼	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	114.00	163.64	137.15	-3.62	-2.6	▼	▼	▼
Worthgtn	WOR	33.18	44.69	34.49	-1.08	-3.0	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	45.73	100.18	85.64	-6.18	-6.7	▼	▼	▲

IN BRIEF

Deputies tase uncooperative driver

GRAND JUNCTION — A 19-year-old Hudsonville man ended up being Tased and arrested by Van Buren County Sheriff's deputies early Tuesday morning when police say he refused to exit his vehicle.

The incident unfolded at 4:40 a.m. when deputies responded to a complaint about a vehicle parked in the roadway and the driver asleep at the wheel in the 51000 block of County Road 384.

When deputies arrived they were able to wake the driver after approximately 5 minutes.

After speaking with the driver, deputies asked him to exit the vehicle based on his behavior and actions, according to a sheriff's department news release.

However, the man wouldn't leave the vehicle despite being asked to do so a number of times, and became "physically and verbally uncooperative," according to the release.

As a result, he was Tased and arrested for resisting and obstructing and for carrying a concealed .25-caliber pistol in his front pocket, which deputies found when searching him.

Weekend South Haven-area power outage explained

SOUTH HAVEN — It wasn't a rumored car crashing into a pole that left South Haven area residents without electrical power for most of the day on Saturday. It was two accordion-shaped insulators.

Homes and businesses lost power around 8:30 a.m., but it took workers from Indiana Michigan Power until 4:45 p.m. to restore electricity.

"A tree came into contact with a service line and damaged two insulators," said Schnee Garrett, senior communications consultant for Indiana Michigan Power. Electrical insulators ensure the flow of electricity in electrical lines safely transmits to homes and businesses.

The damaged line and insulators left thousands of people in the areas of South Haven, Covert and Bangor without electrical power.

It took some time to locate the problem. "Insulators aren't easy to spot," said South Haven Department of Public Works Director Bill Hunter.

Another issue stymied the return of electrical power – one of the two Indiana Michigan Power main transmission lines that feeds electricity to the South Haven area is in the process of being rebuilt, meaning it wasn't available as a back-up.

"We have two lines that feed into South Haven, one from Riverside and one from Hartford," Hunter said.

K9 helps track down suspect

SOUTH HAVEN — A K9 handler and his dog played a key role this week in apprehending a 40-year-old South Haven man wanted on three outstanding warrants.

Van Buren County Sheriff's narcotics deputies on Monday afternoon observed what looked to be suspicious activity going on among three people at a parking lot in town. The three individuals then got in a vehicle and drove away with the narcotics deputies following them, according to a Van Buren County Sheriff's news release.

Deputies then notified South Haven police about the vehicle's location and officers stopped the driver on M-140 Highway by 16th Avenue, in South Haven Township.

As soon as the vehicle stopped, a passenger got out and ran into a wooded area. K9 handler Kevin VanBrussel and his partner Ryker were called to the scene and later tracked the man, who was taken into custody, to be charged with resisting and obstructing police and for failing to appear in court for two traffic-related charges and a child-support charge.

Police also plan to seek charges against the 41-year-old driver of the vehicle for driving without a license.

SURVIVOR

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birthday came around, and thought she'd give it a try, too.

"I heard about someone attending 50 music concerts, and then I heard of somebody going to 50 festivals in a year, culminating with the Festival of Colors in India."

But Gruber decided to do something more athletic.

"Before I had breast cancer I had run in a couple of half marathons," she said. "But I hadn't run races in a long time."

She more than made up for it this past year. When she wasn't working as CEO of Caring Circle and vice president of Continued Care Services at Spectrum Health Lakeland in St. Joseph, Gruber was packing her bags to take part in as many 5K races as she could on weekends.

Most of her races took place in Michigan, but she also ran in 5Ks in Florida and Indianapolis while vacationing or visiting family members.

Her favorite location for a race occurred earlier this month when she and her husband, family members and friends traveled to Monaco to take part in The Monaco Run – Hercules 5K.

The run marked the 50th event that Gruber has taken part in over the past year, and it occurred on her 50th birthday.

"We looked for someplace that would be memorable and that had a 5K on my birthday," Gruber said. "I've never been to Monaco and it seemed like an amazing culmination location."

On the day of the race, Gruber and her husband, Clark, who has run beside her in most of the 5K races over the past year, were greeted by sunny skies and 55-degree weather.

"The weather was beautiful," Gruber said. "When the race started, I was overwhelmed with a sense of accomplishment. I had to stick to this goal for a full year. I could never had achieved it without my husband, friends and family. It brought tears to my eyes that six years ago I was receiving chemotherapy for breast cancer and now I was completing this goal. My friends and family were there with me both times."

The icing on the cake, though, occurred shortly after the race when Gruber and her husband were receiving their medals.

"An entourage of diplomats walked by in suits with bodyguards," Gruber said. "Clark recognized the Prince and approached him. Clark shouted that he was from the U.S. and would love to meet the Prince. The Prince stopped. Clark met him and explained that I just completed 50 5ks and it was my birthday."

Impressed, the Prince asked to speak to Gruber.

"The Prince shook my hand, said congratulations, and happy birthday," Gruber said. "He shook my hand again and wished us well. I was star-struck."

Now that she's achieved her goal, Gruber said she still intends to keep on running.

"It is always fun and makes you feel great."

Does she plan on coming up with another lofty goal?

"I would like to set and accomplish another goal like this in the future," she said. "At the moment, I'm still deep in the midst of feeling blessed and grateful for completing this goal. I also want to make sure that I focus on supporting others in completing their goals. It meant so much to me that people gave me love and support – I want to make sure that I do that for others."

McGEE

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after prosecutors received results from the state police lab matching ballistics in the case, Taylor said.

McGee further was bound over for trial on two addition felony firearms charges, one addition felon in possession charge and one count of carrying a concealed weapon.

Taylor is moving to consolidate the cases against McGee, who is being held in the Berrien County jail on a half-million dollar bond.

Trial is set for May 12-15.

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PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING FEB. 26

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	:31 Single Parents	Shark Tank "Greatest of All Time" (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "Out for Blood" (N) CC		:01 SEAL Team A CIA agent is being held hostage. (N) CC (DVS)			
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Chicago Med "I Will Do No Harm" (N)		Chicago Fire "Off the Grid" (N)		:03 Chicago P.D. "Burden of Truth"	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Singer (N) CC (DVS)		:01 LEGO Masters "Movie Genres" (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Great Lakes	Nature "Arctic Wolf Pack" CC (DVS)		NOVA The significance of sleep. (N)		Expedition With Steve Backshall	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Riverdale (N) CC		Nancy Drew (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. "Born Into Bad News"		Dateline "Deadly Conspiracy"		Dateline "The Summer of Manson"	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Riverdale (N) CC		Nancy Drew (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Secrets and Lies"		Highway to Heaven "Hello and Farewell"		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	America's Top Dog (N) CC		Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents
AMC	The Book of Eli ('10)	★★★ Ghostbusters ('84) Bill Murray. Four paranormal investigators battle mischievous ghouls. CC					Ghostbusters II
Animal	Was Prey	I Was Prey: Under Attack "No Safe Place"				I Was Prey CC	
BET	6:30 Daddy's Little Girls			Tyler Perry's Sistas		BET Star Cinema	
Big Ten	College Basketball			College Basketball Maryland at Minnesota.			
Bravo	Housewives/NJ	The Real Housewives of New Jersey		Summer House (N) CC		Watch What	Housewives/NJ
Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	★★ The Dilemma	★★★ BlacKkKlansman ('18) John David Washington, Adam Driver. CC				:15 Bad Times at the El Royale ('18)	
CMT	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Listing Impossible	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Nora
Discovery	Expedition Un.	Expedition Unknown "Ancient Ancestors Revealed" Josh Gates studies wild chimpanzees. (N) CC					
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Barnwood	Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes		Holmes: Next Gen.	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	The Soup	Nightly
ESPN	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Spurs					NBA Basketball	
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball LSU at Florida. (N) (L)			
ESPNC	6:00 NBA	College Football From Sept. 25, 2008.				College Football	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Women's College Basketball Texas at TCU.				Spotlight	World Surf Highlights	
Freefrm	6:30 ★★★ 21 Jump Street ('12) Jonah Hill. CC			Party of Five "Mexico" (N) CC		Good Trouble "Truths and Dares"	
FX	5:30 Baywatch	★★ Daddy's Home ('15, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg. CC				★★ Daddy's Home ('15) CC	
Golf	PGA	PGA Tour Golf					Central
Hallmark	My Wedding	Sister of the Bride ('19, Romance) Becca Tobin, Ryan Rottman. CC				Love on the Sidelines ('16) CC	
HBO	Curse-Llorona	The Outsider "Fox-head" CC		★★ Annabelle Comes Home ('19) Vera Farmiga. CC		:45 Avenue 5	
History	Forged	Forged in Fire: Epic Weapons "Top Axes" (N) CC					
HGTV	Hunters	Extreme Makeover		100 Day Dream		Property Brothers	
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life "Seana's Story" (N)				Feet-Killing Me	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight "The L Word" The couples plan romantic surprises. (N) CC				Bride & Prejudice: Forbidden Love	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Catfish: The TV		:01 True Life Crime		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	College Basketball				World Boxing	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football From Nov. 17, 2019. CC					
Nick	Journey 2-Mysterious Isl.			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Locked	Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		To Catch a Smuggler	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped A father's disappearance.		Snapped A woman survives an attack.		Snapped A devout mother pulls a gun.	
Parmt	Two Men	★★ Four Brothers ('05) CC				68 Whiskey (N)	
Showtime	:15 ★★ Shaft ('00, Action) Samuel L. Jackson. CC			★★★ House Party ('90) Robin Harris. CC			House Party 2
Starz	6:35 ★★★★ Forrest Gump ('94) Tom Hanks. CC			★★★★ Pulp Fiction ('94) John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. CC			
STZENC	6:07 ★★★ The Aviator ('04) Leonardo DiCaprio. CC			★★★ Lethal Weapon 3 ('92, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci. CC			
SyFy	★★★ Twister ('96) Helen Hunt. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. CC					The Magicians (N) CC	
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Amy Hoggart	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Primrose Path ('40)	★★★ Swing Time ('36) Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Victor Moore. CC (DVS)				★★★ Royal Wedding ('51)	
TMC	Beyond Borders	★★★ The Royal Tenenbaums ('01) Gene Hackman, Anjelica Huston. CC				★★ Everybody's Fine ('09)	
TNT	Tarzan	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				All Elite Wrestling	
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) CC			
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				:05 Miz & Mrs (N)	:37 Miz & Mrs
VH1	Black Ink	Black Ink Crew (N)		Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC

There are many ways to get rid of warts

DEAR DOCTOR: I had a rough spot on the back of my hand that turned into a wart. What caused it? How do I get rid of it?

DEAR READER: You're describing what is known as a common wart. It's a small, raised skin growth caused by one of the estimated 150 different varieties of the human papilloma virus, or HPV. Other types of HPV cause different kinds of warts. These include plantar warts, which are callouslike growths on the soles of the feet; genital warts; and smooth, flat-topped growths known as flat warts, often seen on the face and forehead.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

Common warts don't present any health dangers. However, they can be unsightly and cause embarrassment. They're typically about the size of a pencil eraser or smaller, may be circular or oval, and can appear anywhere on the body. Common warts may grow a smooth, domed top, or they can have a wrinkled appearance, like a head of cauliflower. They're often a different color than the surrounding skin, including brown, gray, pink or beige. Some may contain what look like small black dots, which are actually tiny blood vessels filled with clotted blood.

If you get a common wart, you've come into physical contact with the virus that causes it, either on someone's skin, or on a surface an infected person has touched. The virus can enter the body through a break in the skin, and if your immune system can't fight it off, a wart will soon appear. Common warts are painless, but when they crack, or if you pick at them, they can bleed.

In most cases, your body's immune system will rally, and the wart will eventually vanish, usually within a year or two. Those who would rather not wait have several treatment options. Most people can try over-the-counter wart medications available at the drug store. These are made up of salicylic acid, which is delivered either as a gel, liquid or in a patch. The acid gradually removes the layers of skin until the wart is gone. It's helpful to soak the wart in warm water prior to applying the salicylic acid, as it will allow the medication to penetrate deeper into the many layers of tissue. In between treatments, use an emery board or pumice stone to remove the dead skin. Be sure to isolate these tools since they can transmit the virus. Side effects of this treatment can include skin irritation and discomfort. Never use salicylic acid on the face or on the genitals. People living with neuropathy or diabetes should not try at-home wart removers and should see a doctor instead.

If you try a home-based treatment and it's unsuccessful, your doctor also has several options available. One is that same salicylic acid, but in a higher concentration, which requires a prescription. Another approach is cryotherapy, which uses liquid nitrogen to freeze the wart. Warts may also be removed with a laser, burned off or cut away.

Any time that a wart changes shape or color, or if it becomes painful or infected, it's important to seek medical attention.

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Honor your friend . . . and your own feelings

HI, CAROLYN: My best friend is getting married and I don't love the guy. She seems to be happy and he has some good qualities, but he spends a great deal of time criticizing or taking unnecessary little digs at her. When I gently asked her about it, she laughed it off and said it's just his sense of humor.

Carolyn Hax

I'm trying to take her at her word, but it happens so frequently that it is very disturbing. Any suggestions on how to handle this? – Best Friend Blues

BEST FRIEND BLUES: First, honor her choice. She seems happy, and you said your piece.

Second, honor your feelings. Whenever a barb disturbs you, say so. No speechifying – just a light "Ouch" or raised eyebrow. Or, to your friend or other targets, "You're OK with this?" Stick up for decency, and be consistent: Help people hear it when the sheer volume of digs starts to speak for itself.

Stay as close as she allows, too; she might need that.

HELLO, CAROLYN: A friend of my daughter invited my husband and me to his wedding in rural France. We were thrilled, as he is a favorite of ours. We loved hosting him here, and we have never been to a wedding in another country, so we were excited to see new customs.

However, we are invited only to the ceremony and not the dinner celebration after – that is just for close friends and family.

While I understand you have to draw the line on guests somewhere as far as costs go, we are not sure if the expense and effort are worth it for a 30-minute ceremony.

Would it be unacceptable for us, as foreign visitors, to ask to attend the dinner if we pay our own way? I would happily do that so we can experience their full wedding customs and spend time with them. It is possible it's not the expense and there is not enough space ... please advise. I do not want to be a boor. – Invited

INVITED: Being American and trying to buy your way into something to which you weren't invited might be the definition of boorishness for the entirety of Western Europe.

I'm sorry. You obviously mean well, and I'd feel the same way about the mismatch of effort to event. In fact, it's odd enough to be worth checking with your daughter; certainly the groom's old friend can confirm with him that you're on the ceremony-only list, for her own planning purposes.

If confirmed, then accepting or declining the invitation as extended is your only play.

Plus, your treating this as a money or space issue is just guessing; there are many possible reasons. Maybe they see an intimate gathering as more meaningful. Maybe one of the principal players doesn't do well in crowds. Maybe they intended it as a symbolic, we-don't-expect-you-to-actually-show-up gesture.

If you still don't want to decline: Plan a trip to France (and beyond?) that you'd be excited for even if there weren't a wedding, and just make the ceremony one stop on your larger itinerary. Maybe your daughter can even join you for part of the trip.

A brief event may not be sufficient reason to travel so far, but if you have the means and interest, then it does make a lovely excuse.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Mongrel
4 Shirt or blouse
7 Bulrush
11 Novelist — Levin
12 Type of squad
14 Robust
15 Six-pointers
16 "Betsy's Wedding" star
17 Rainbow goddess
18 Affluent person
20 Miniature maple, e.g.
22 Put a stop to
23 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
24 Shows fright
27 Shah's domain
30 Norwegian name
31 "Woe is me!"
32 Goofy
34 Horse command
35 Sweetheart
36 "Hey —" (Beatles)
37 Shipboard direction
39 James or Ventura
40 In the past
41 Bossy's chew
42 Neglectful
45 Dismount
49 Squashed circle
50 Prefix for directional
52 Bleacher shout
53 Half a beef
54 Like a hermit
55 Flight dir.
56 Husky's burden
57 Have a snack
58 For what reason?

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1 State capital
2 Karachi language
3 Carpenter's tool
4 Gets in shape
5 Stopped a squeak
6 Whale school
7 Zoo heavyweights
8 Listener's need
9 Lamb's pen name
10 Mr. Arnaz
13 Scene
19 Glance furtively
21 Skiff movers
24 Violin part
25 General vicinity
26 Untruths
27 Arrange for
28 Debtor letters
29 States further
31 Spray can
33 Joey or Kiki
35 Seeks alms
36 Vader, once
38 Followed
39 Romeo's girl
41 Big blossom
42 Antarctic sea
43 Malicious
44 Whipped up
46 Ballooned
47 Eatery fare
48 Those guys
51 Stooge with bangs

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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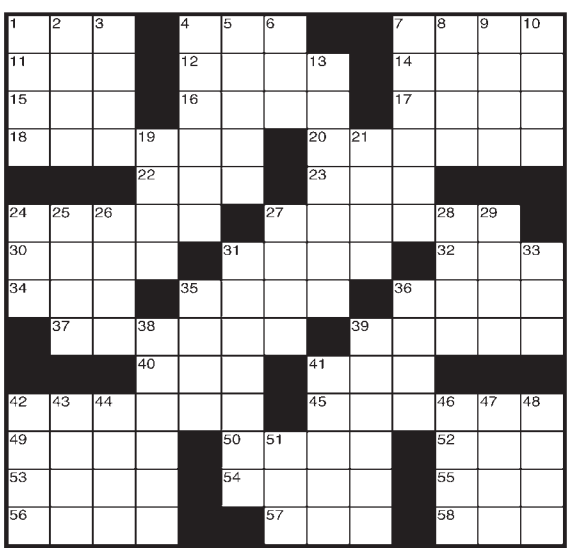

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

OSBNI

LOOCR

MRIEMS

UNDOEF

007 IS BACK!
LIVE AND LET DIE
NOW SHOWING
Connery is the only 007 I want to see.
I heard that song on the radio!
AFTER SEAN CONNERY RETIRED FROM PLAYING 007, THEY WERE ABLE TO MAKE ---

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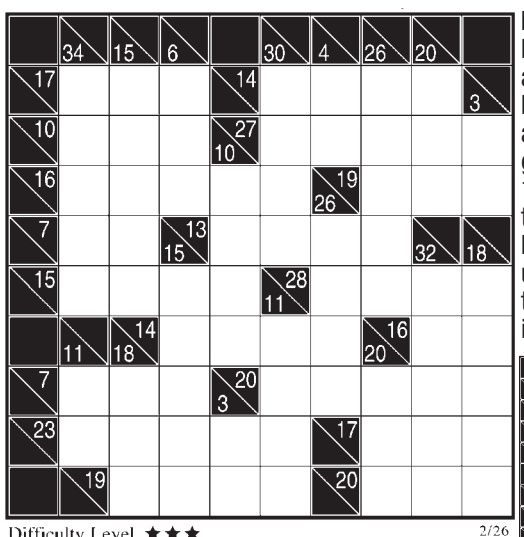
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" " (Answers tomorrow)

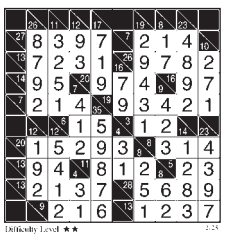
Yesterday's Jumbles: INPUT LOFTY SAILOR AGENDA
Answer: The pessimist had such a negative attitude, that everyone considered him to be a — "NO"-IT-ALL

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 2/26

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Whatever else your feelings, you cannot argue that Woody Allen has written many amusing lines. I like this one: "I'm not a fighter; I have bad reflexes. I was once run over by a car being pushed by two guys."

Many bridge deals require rapid reflexes. Some declarers, when they need a misdefense to make their contract, will play very quickly. This is poor form, but it often works. However, when you are on defense, don't be hurried. Say that you want to take some time to analyze the deal.

Rather than rely on speed, it is preferable for the declarer to play his cards deceptively so that a defender doesn't see the trap in time.

Playing in four hearts, the ingenuous declarer wins the first trick with dummy's club ace, draws trumps and plays a diamond to the king. True, against some opponents this will work. West will lead a second club. Then South can ruff and discard one of dummy's spade losers on the diamond queen. But against more sophisticated defenders, it won't succeed. East will play his two trumps in the order five then two, trying to show a top honor in spades, and West will see that the club queen can wait. He will recognize the possibility of a discard and switch to the spade four at trick five.

As South knows East has the club king and is marked with a top spade (West didn't lead the spade ace or king), West must hold the diamond ace. A more deceptive approach is to lead dummy's diamond at trick two and put in the nine. If West falls for the trap, playing a second club, South can ruff out West's diamond ace and get his discard.

North 02-26-20
♠ J 7 3
♥ Q J 9 7 4
♦ 6
♣ A 7 6 4

West
♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 8
♦ A J 7 5
♣ Q J 9 8

East
♠ K 10 5
♥ 5 2
♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ K 10 5 2

South
♠ 9 8 2
♥ A K 10 6 3
♦ K Q 9 2
♣ 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1♥	Dbl.	4♥	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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		9		7		1	4	
			1	4			3	9

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	8	1	3	6	2	4	9	7
7	9	2	8	1	4	5	6	3
4	3	6	7	9	5	1	2	8
2	7	4	9	5	3	6	8	1
9	6	8	4	7	1	2	3	5
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8	4	7	1	3	6	9	5	2

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Government can't guarantee happiness

Billy Long
Opinion Maker

Life has a way of changing in a hurry. You think you have planned well and – boom – the unexpected happens. You believe that you have budgeted well for retirement and your health eats more of your money than you can. What you intended to spend on travel you spend on medicine, doctors and someone to help you do the basic things of life.

You finally get the job you always wanted and one month later they eliminate your job. You know you did not see that coming, but why didn't the company know the job would only last for a month before they hired you. You had another offer that is no longer available that you turned down.

You buy the house of your dreams. It is one hundred feet from the lake. There has never been a problem with erosion in that area before. Then in one month, you house is hanging over the bluff and must be torn down.

What do you do in those situations? Get angry and threaten everyone who had a part in your disappointment? The doctor should have warned you about your health. The CFO of the company should have let human resources know that there would be cutbacks. The bank never should have loaned the money and the zoning commission should never have allowed building so close to the bluff.

What? You actually have the audacity to say that I bear some responsibility for my situation? You actually think that I should keep trying to "get on with life"? No. I am going to become angry and take out my misfortune on everyone else. I am going to demand that someone forces those who have not faced my unfortunate circumstances to take care of my needs. While they are at it, they have enough to take care of my wants as well. Why should they get all the breaks?

I worked hard and my children deserve free college. I deserve to have all of my debts forgiven. I deserve a guaranteed income. It is my right to be protected from the consequences of any hardship life may bring. Just as the successful people did not build their success, those that struggle do not cause their struggle.

Now before you think that I am saying that anyone who has setbacks or failures has done so because they did not try hard enough and should not get any help, stop your judgment of me and think about this. Everyone needs a helping hand at times. Sometime we need more than a helping hand; we need someone to completely do for us.

The people of whom I speak are those who view an unfettered life as a "right." Society owes me. The rich owe me. My neighbor should not drive a new car if I can't. Equality of outcome should be guaranteed by the government. To each his need no matter the amount of effort. Free education is a "right." Free health care is a "right." Free housing is a "right." Free cell phones and internet service not only are a necessity, they also are a "right."

That is unless you are old and a younger person need those resources. Then you forfeit your rights. If you are a child in the womb you have the right to remain silent. Any pain you feel must be subrogated to the pain of the mother. If you just happen to support the "wrong" politician, you forfeit your "right" to freely express your support. If you are a conservative you almost always lose your "right" to free speech on campus. If you are not beloved by the "elite" you give up the right for fair and balanced news reporting.

All of us have the right to life, liberty and the *pursuit* of happiness. Neither government nor life can guarantee success or happiness. Only the way we react to circumstances has any chance of achieving either. How are we reacting?

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ANOTHER OPINION

Justice delayed, not denied

This is what justice looks like: Harvey Weinstein, once a Hollywood producer so untouchably powerful that his constant, openly predatory behavior toward women was one of Tinseltown's longest-running open secrets, is now Harvey Weinstein, convicted rapist.

Pending the success of any appeal, a Manhattan jury's finding on Monday that Weinstein committed a criminal sexual act in the first degree and third-degree rape means that he will spend between five and 29 years locked away.

Cheers for District Attorney Cy Vance's prosecutors and for the justice system must be balanced by the recognition that Weinstein's six-week trial showcased anew just how much victims – even relatively prominent and powerful ones – endure when they report sexual abuse, as defense attorneys sought to blame the women involved for what happened to them. They are forced to answer humiliating questions about their credibility, their personal choices and their appearance.

Fortunately, the jury of seven men and five women looked past those unseemly inquisitions and believed the Weinstein's accusers based on the evidence.

The verdict also underlines the wisdom of New York State's passage last year of a law lengthening the statute of limitations for some sexual assault cases from a narrow five-year window for second- and third-degree rape to 20 and 10 years, respectively.

Although dozens of women came forward in the fall of 2017 to tell their harrowing stories of being raped and abused by Weinstein, many were only speaking up after many years had passed. Monday's verdict pertained to charges from just two women because the statute had run out to prosecute on so many other allegations.

After Bill Cosby's fate and now Weinstein's, the message has been sent: No matter how rich or powerful the man, no matter how many influential friends he may have, women have at least a sliver of hope that those who take sexual advantage will someday pay a price.

—New York Daily News

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Mike didn't get it done

Cal Thomas

The only thing that can be said about former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's first appearance with his fellow Democratic presidential candidates in Las Vegas Wednesday night was that Mike did not get it done, as his campaign ads promise he will if he becomes president.

He was boring, expressionless and could not defend himself against past racist, sexist and misogynistic comments, including one mentioned by Elizabeth Warren, who said Bloomberg once referred to women as "fat broads" and "horse-faced lesbians." During the debate he also refused to release women who worked for him from sexual harassment nondisclosure agreements, apparently because that would reveal even more of his outrageous behavior than is already known. Bowing to pressure, however, he has since released three women from their NDAs.

While President Trump was mentioned a few times, most of the "debate" was about the candidates carving up and interrupting each other. Watching it made it sound like there is nothing good about America, homelessness is a national plague (mostly in cities and states run by Democrats, which the moderators failed to mention), and according to some of the candidates, most people are unhappy with their health insurance and want the government to take over.

Democrats call it "Medicare for all," but it is the single-payer option, a government-run insurance program, which likely means the federal government will in effect become your doctor, deciding who gets care and who doesn't, who ultimately lives or dies, based on age and diagnosis, and whether you take more from the treasury than you contribute in taxes.

Much of the second hour of the debate focused on the cult of "climate change," which most Democrats seem to believe in more than they believe in God. The overpopulated panel of moderators failed to ask Bloomberg about a Fox News report (perhaps because they hate all things Fox) that a program funded by Bloomberg pays the salaries of lawyers in the offices of some state attorneys general to "pursue climate-based litigation."

According to the Daily Wire, a conservative news and opinion site, "The arrangement, which currently pays the salaries of Special Assistant Attorneys General in 10 Democratic AG offices," the Fox report found, "is drawing new scrutiny now that Bloomberg is running for president. The New York University School of Law's State Energy & Environmental Impact Center, which was started in 2017 with $5.6 million from Bloomberg's nonprofit, hires mid-career lawyers as 'research fellows' before providing them to state AGs where they assist in pursuing 'progressive' policy goals through the courts."

A number of Republican attorneys general, the Daily Wire reported, "have raised concerns about Bloomberg's funding of government lawyers, especially since he began his 2020 campaign." It quoted West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey: "This is a fundamental question of ethics and who's running our government. When you actually get to place someone under a specific agenda and then pay them and they're within the office, that starts to call into question whether there are multiple masters within an attorney general office and that starts to really stink."

Bloomberg appears to be using his considerable wealth in ways other than paying for those ubiquitous TV ads. If his record as mayor of New York City is any indication of how he would behave as president, he should not even be allowed in the tourist line at the White House, unless you are comfortable with government telling you how large a soft drink you can consume, whether salt should be available at restaurants and you are fine with your guns being taken away, along with other constitutionally protected liberties.

While Bloomberg's money might keep him on political life-support, his credibility as a presidential candidate took a major hit Wednesday night from which he is unlikely to recover.

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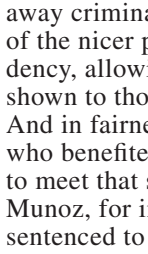
Living in post-integrity America

Leonard Pitts



Back during the scandal over his sexual exploitation of a young intern, Bill Clinton was pilloried in this space for his moral defects.

To which many liberals responded with derision. Morality? What did that matter? The economy was good, we were at peace and Clinton was hardly the first man to fool around and lie about it. As one reader put it, he was hired to be a president, not a pope.

At the time, that felt like a rationalization. A generation later, it feels like a portent. Indeed, it is often said that we are living now in Post-Fact America but truth is, we are also living in Post-Integrity America.

No, that's not breaking news. But it's been brought into painfully clear focus these last few days.

One watched – not with surprise anymore, the capacity for that being long lost, but surely with dread and fascination – as Donald Trump launched his post-impeachment purge of aides deemed insufficiently sycophantic. But that was just a prelude.

Last week, he pardoned or commuted the sentences of 11 people, most of them guilty of lying, fraud, corruption, tax evasion and similar crimes. In other words, the kinds of things of which Trump has often been accused.

The power to soften or wipe away criminal convictions is one of the nicer perks of the presidency, allowing compassion to be shown to those who deserve it. And in fairness, several of those who benefited last week seem to meet that standard. Crystal Munoz, for instance, had been sentenced to almost 20 years for dealing pot.

But it is worth noting that every person Trump pardoned or gave clemency came to his attention not through the normal machinery of government, but through inside connections or else, as The New York Times noted, "were promoted on Fox News." Some were championed by aides and allies. Some had donated big money to his campaign. And again, most had breached the public trust.

Like former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich, who had served eight years of a 14-year sentence for trying to sell Barack Obama's vacated Senate seat. Trump, who has opined how unfair it is that U.S. companies are not allowed to pay bribes to do business overseas, had called that sentence "ridiculous."

It's no great leap to suggest that he sees himself in Blagojevich. Or in former New York Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, and financier Michael Milken, whom he pardoned for tax fraud and securities fraud, respectively. If granting clemency and pardons opens a window upon a president's moral priorities – and it does – the view offered here suggests an unfortunate affinity for scammers and grifters, an empathy for those on the make, cutting deals, cutting corners, living the dream, until they got caught up by pesky rules designed to enforce integrity. And if those same people happened to give him money or had their names whispered into his ear by a friend, so much the better.

That's not how this is supposed to work. And that it is working this way right out in the open, before our very eyes, suggests – no, screams – Trump's imperviousness to any sense of ethical affront.

During Clinton's scandal, it was argued in this space that a president stamps himself upon an era "not simply by legislative accomplishment, but also ... by dint of personal authority and moral suasion."

Trump disproves that. He has stamped himself upon this era while ignoring the very idea of personal authority or moral suasion – and daring us to care. But we had better. By his lack of personal character, Trump threatens our national character. And he stamps this era with the signature lesson of his life:

Once you give up integrity, it's easy to give up everything else.

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Whitmer creates office for mobility initiatives

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Tuesday that Michigan will have a mobility officer to coordinate all initiatives related to self-driving and connected cars, an effort she said will ensure the state is the go-to place for testing and producing vehicles of the future.

While speaking at the MICHAuto Summit in Detroit, Whitmer signed an executive directive to create the Michigan Office of Future Mobility and Electrification within the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, effectively immediately. It will be led by a chief mobility officer whose name probably will be announced in April, Whitmer said.

She also signed an executive order to establish the Michigan Council on Future Mobility and Electrification, an advisory group that will replace but function similarly to one created by a 2016 law. The council will be housed within the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity instead of the Department of Transportation.

Whitmer told The Associated Press that business leaders told her administration it would be helpful to have one place of contact in state government for issues related to the mobility sector.

"Obviously that doesn't mean that there won't still be many departments involved. But there will be one quarterback," she said in a phone interview. "That's, I think, essential to ensuring that we're harnessing all the great things we're doing in a focused way that makes sense."

While many states are competing to lead in mobility, Michigan is in a great position because it is home to the auto industry and has many engineers, top research universities and extensive "connected" infrastructure, Whitmer said.

Her directive cites six trends driving a period of "unprecedented change" in the auto industry and mobility sector: autonomous driving, vehicle connectivity, powertrain electrification, shared mobility, intelligent automation and the global supply chain.

The Democratic governor's order creating the new advisory panel and putting it under a different agency will take effect April 27 unless it is rejected by the Republican-led Senate. The moves were welcomed by automakers, environmental groups and a major utility, Consumers Energy.

Whitmer signed the directive and order on the hood of a self-driving vehicle that has technology developed by Pittsburgh-based Argo Al. The company's partner investors include Ford and Volkswagen.

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer delivers her State of the State address to a joint session of the House and Senate at the state Capitol in Lansing on Jan. 29.

Whitmer administration seeks quick ruling on Medicaid work rules

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration on Tuesday asked for a quick court ruling on the legality of Michigan's Medicaid work requirements, hoping to avoid sending notices to more than 80,000 people who did not comply with the rules during the first month they were in place.

The state Department of Health and Human Services filed a motion with U.S. District Judge James Boasberg in Washington. It came 11 days after a federal appeals court affirmed Boasberg's earlier decision to invalidate Arkansas' requirement that low-income people work for government-provided health insurance, dealing a blow to the Trump administration's efforts to remake Medicaid.

Michigan officials said there is no dispute that Michigan's requirements are illegal, too, absent further judicial review. Four residents sued the federal government in November, with assistance from advocacy groups.

"Since it's inevitable that the courts will also find Michigan's work requirements unlawful, we should not move forward with implementation," Whitmer said in a statement. "Doing so would waste millions of taxpayer dollars and cause senseless confusion for tens of thousands of families."

Barring a court decision, the state on March 10 will notify more than 80,000 enrollees in Michigan's Medicaid expansion program that they did not comply with reporting requirements for January and will lose their coverage on May 31 if they do not report for February and March. The state had 674,000 participants as of November.

Many are exempt from the rules, which also do not apply to the more than 1.7 million state residents covered by the traditional Medicaid program.

"State law requires MDHHS to send this notice to beneficiaries who have failed to comply with the requirements for a single month, but the result would be pointless confusion and even fear for those individuals receiving the notice," assistant attorney general Toni Harris wrote in the filing.

Starting Jan. 1, able-bodied adults ages 19 through 61 who want to maintain their benefits have to show workforce engagement averaging 80 hours a month under a 2018 law – through work, school, job training or vocational training, an internship, substance abuse treatment or community service.

Republican legislative leaders have rejected Whitmer's request to delay the rules. House Speaker Lee Chatfield, of Levering, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, of Clarklake, said Michigan taxpayers expect able-bodied adults wanting cash assistance and subsidized health coverage to work part-time or at least prepare for a career.

Bob Wheaton, a spokesman for the Health and Human Services Department, said that only a small number of the roughly 80,000 enrollees reported that they hadn't met the requirements, meaning the vast majority simply did not report at all.

OBITUARIES

Phillip Anderson 'Phil' Harte

June 24, 1963 – Feb. 23, 2020

Phillip Anderson "Phil" Harte, 56, of St. Joseph passed away Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020, at his home.

A Celebration of Life Service will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Marlo Fritzke officiating. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. Friends may visit with the family from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Phil was born on June 24, 1963, in St. Joseph, to Oliver Ames and Susan (Anderson) Harte. He grew up with his six brothers and eventually would grow to include three more wonderful women: his second mother, Barbara, and sisters, Tracey and Laura Spencer. He graduated from St. Joseph High School. In 1995, while working at Lake Michigan Mailers, Phil walked into work and met Laurie Gnagi. The two went on a few dates and he knew he had met his soul mate. On April 25, 1998, Phil married Laurie, the love of his life. From a young age, Phil always had a passion for drawing. He took a number of art classes at various places such as The Chicago Institute of Art, Western Michigan University and Columbia College of Chicago. Phil had a number of sketch pads filled with his creative drawings he designed or ones his nieces and nephews helped him create. He also enjoyed playing games of all types. Every Tuesday, Phil and Laurie would host game night at their house. While many games were played, the main focus would be Dungeons and Dragons, with Phil being the DM (Dungeon Master).

When he wasn't spending time with his brothers, enjoying game night or hanging out with his nieces and nephews, Phil would be riding his bike. Always decked out in his red and black biking gear, he would ride for hours through downtown, along the beach and basically anywhere with a paved road. When the weather wasn't ideal for outdoor biking, he would simply hop on his stationary bike he had inside. Phil was an intelligent man, who always had a witty comeback for everything. If anyone's opinions were different from his, he would respect it but then list all the ways it's wrong and he's right. His love for animals, kindness, humor and huge heart will be missed tremendously by everyone.

Phil is survived by his wife of nearly 22 years, Laurie; brothers, Jeffery (Paulette), David, Theodore "Teddy," William "Bill" (Elaine), Johnathan and Patrick; stepmom, Barbara Harte; mother-in-law, Jean Gnagi; sister-in-law, Marjorie (Robert) Mickaels; brothers-in-law, Brian Gnagi, Christopher (Nancy) Gnagi and Thomas Starks; numerous nieces and nephews; best friend, Frank Hammerschmidt; and three cats, Leo, Lulu and Manza.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Susan; and sisters, Tracey Starks and Laura Spencer.

Price E. Grayam

March 6, 1944 – Feb. 23, 2020

Price E. Grayam, 75, of Benton Harbor passed away on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Crystal Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, also at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service Friday, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.swemchapel.com.

Price was born on March 6, 1944, to Jentral and Dorothy (Spray) Grayam in Covington, Tenn. He worked for Heath/Zenith Company for over 20 years as a supervisor. Price then went on to Cook Nuclear Plant, where he retired. He had a passion for classic cars and motorcycles. Throughout the years, price owned several motorcycles and classic cars of his own, but especially enjoyed his 1978 Corvette. Most of all, he cherished time spent with his family.

Price is survived by his children, Beth (Ron) Cummings, Kelly (Kenny) Cullum and Patrick (Kelly Ross) Grayam; their mother, Brenda Williams; grandchildren, Brett, Taris, Amanda, Hayley and Emily; great-grandchildren, Anna, Aiden, Ricky and Avianna; and sister, Thelma Spruell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jentral and Dorothy Grayam.

Patricia Mae Wolff

Jan. 16, 1933 – Feb. 24, 2020

Patricia Mae Wolff, 87, of St. Joseph passed away Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Robert Confer officiating. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph. Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations in Patty's name may be made to Special Olympics Area 17 – Berrien County Chapter. Those wishing to sign Patty's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Patty was born Jan. 16, 1933, in Decatur, to George and Jenny (Vliek) Sikkema. On April 21, 1951, she married Keith Wolff, whom she had known since the second grade, in Decatur. Patty devoted her time to raising and caring for her husband and five children, and later her grandchildren. She cherished the time they spent together for holidays, birthdays, other special occasions and just in general. In her free time, she enjoyed reading and knitting.

Patty is survived by her five children: Kathleen Soper of Mishawaka, Ind., Kristi (Al) Buursma of Stevensville, Scott (Gina) Wolff of Cherry Log, Ga., Eric (Robbin) Wolff of Stevensville and Curtis (Brenda) Wolff of St. Joseph; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren (with one on the way); siblings: Douglas (Marcia) Sikkema of Decatur and Joyce (George) Barkovich of Paw Paw; and in-laws, Dale (Flo) Wolff of Coloma, Bruce (Dee) Wolff and Judy (Tom) Masten of North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith, on Dec. 24, 2011; her parents; and siblings, Beverly Sikkema, Elwood "Woody" Sikkema and Sandra Sikkema.

Death notices

Rose Mary Clark, 86, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 24, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Lynn Etter, 78, of Niles died Feb. 24, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Thomas Howard Goetz, 65, of Sodus died Feb. 24, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Price E. Grayam, 75, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 23, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Charles H. Hahn, 79, of Niles died Feb. 21, 2020, at Wellbrooke of South Bend, Ind. Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Janice M. Horner, 76, of South Bend, Ind., died Feb. 24, 2020. Palmer Funeral Home, Guisinger Chapel, South Bend, (574) 291-5880.

Juanita Nelson, 87, of Plainwell, Mich., died Feb. 21, 2020. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Esther P. Rough, 83, of Berrien Springs died Feb. 22, 2020, at Brentwood Assisted Living, Niles. Elkhart Cremation Services, Elkhart, Ind., (574) 389-8828.

Margery Ellen Tuesley, 85, of Niles died Feb. 24, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, Niles. Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Nancy L. Watson, 93, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 23, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Calvin Williams, 78, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 23, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Patricia M. Wolff, 87, of St. Joseph died Feb. 24, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Charles H. Hahn

June 25, 1940 – Feb. 21, 2020

Charles Herman Hahn, 79, of Niles passed away on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, at Wellbrooke of South Bend, Ind.

Charles was born on June 25, 1940, in Niles, to the late Paul and Evelyn (Daun) Hahn.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents; his brother-in-law, Dennis Combs; and niece, Jary Combs.

On Aug. 15, 1975, in Niles, Charles married Cathleen, who survives. He is also survived by his two sisters, Carol (Fred) Laesch of Niles and Merian Kessler of Niles. Charles dearly loved his nieces and nephews, but there was a special bond between him and his oldest nephew, Rick Laesch. He cherished his wide circle of friends and made friends easily.

Charles was a tool and die maker and had worked for several businesses in the area including Advanced Engineering, Reese's, Modineer and Capital.

Charles was a 32nd Degree Mason and Past Master of St. Joe Valley Lodge No. 4. He enjoyed being outside and appreciated nature. Charles loved fishing, hunting, camping and snowmobiling. In his later years, his failing health hampered his mobility, but he still managed to go to the YMCA for some exercise, coffee and conversation.

Charles was a big fan of Indy/NASCAR and enjoyed going to the races with his wild pit crew! He enjoyed watching sports and was loyal to his Michigan and Chicago teams. He also loved animals, especially dogs and his bluebirds. He loved watching old westerns.

Sincere appreciation and gratitude to the many caregivers, doctors, surgeons and nursing staff at Lakeland Hospitals (St. Joseph and Watervliet), West Woods of Niles and Wellbrooke of South Bend for the compassionate care Charles received.

Visitation for Charles will be from 10-11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, 615 E. Main St., Niles. A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Silverbrook Cemetery.

Online condolences, stories and photos may be shared with the family at www.halbritterwickens.com.

Juanita Nelson

May 23, 1932 – Feb. 21, 2020

Juanita Nelson, 87, of Plainwell, Mich., went home to be with our Lord on Feb. 21, 2020, after a brief illness.

Born to Walter and Gladys (Mann) Morgan on May 23, 1932, in Sitka, Ark., Juanita married Clyde W. Nelson on Feb. 4, 1949. He passed away on Feb. 1, 1990. Also preceding her in passing are her parents; and a daughter-in-law, Melba Nelson.

Juanita and her husband lived most of their married life developing Nelson Blueberry Farm in Covert, which they proudly passed on to their children before retiring to Florida. Juanita returned to Plainwell in 2006 to be near family, and to welcome her great-grandchildren.

Juanita is survived by three children, Clovis Nelson of Plainwell, Barry (Carol) Nelson of Hartford and Debra Kalil of Mishawaka, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Normandee Nelson of Bend, Ore.; and a sister, Pauline Masters of St. Charles, Mo.

Juanita was blessed with seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren: Mike Baumgardner (son of Normandee), Chad (Julie) Nelson, parents of Sabrina and Simon, Ka-ryn' (Scott) Fisher, parents of Makenna, Morghan and Bella, Natalie Bradley, mother of Dominic and Kai, Jesse Hamilton, Jennifer (Keith) Kasper, parents of Zander and Vivian, and Kate (Shane Kilbourne) Nelson.

Juanita spent her golden years playing bingo, trying her best to win the lottery and dreaming about what she would do with the winnings, gardening, watching "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy" and doing crossword puzzles; but most of all, spending time doting on the loves of her life ... her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family will welcome friends from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, at Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, where the service to honor her memory will commence at 2 p.m., with Pastor Kari Fast of Hope Lutheran Church of Plainwell officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford Township. In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to make a donation in Juanita's memory to Wings of Hope Hospice, 530 Linn St., Allegan, MI 49010. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Jeff Lutz, a meteorologist and a 1984 Fennville High School graduate, is one of 28 scientists spending a year at the Amundson-Scott Station in the center of Antarctica. The scientists release two weather balloons daily to gather information for the National Science Foundation.

Lutz is excited about experiencing the intensity of the coldest continent's winter firsthand. The Antarctic winter is now setting in, bringing darkness and bone-chilling temps of 100 degrees below zero or colder. The sun won't come back up again for several months.

35 years ago – 1985

The newly-formed St. Joseph Jaycees organization received their charter Saturday at Cheers restaurant with 20 people listed as charter members. The Jaycee organization, formerly all male, is now open to women members. St. Joseph formerly had a Jaycee organization but it went defunct several years ago. David Barlow is the president of the St. Joseph chapter.

50 years ago – 1970

Eugene O'Toole Sr., former partner in Rimes and Hildebrand department store, St. Joseph, died yesterday at the age of 72. O'Toole had been ill with Parkinson's disease for 12 years. He retired from the store in 1965.

A 1920 graduate of Notre Dame and a World War I vet, he was a director of Peoples State Bank since it organized in 1932 and served until 1966 when ill health forced him to retire.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2020. There are 309 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 26, 1993, a truck bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of the North Tower of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others. (The bomb failed to topple the North Tower into the South Tower, as the terrorists had hoped; both structures were destroyed in the 9/11 attack eight years later.)

On this date:

In 1904, the United States and Panama proclaimed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to undertake efforts to build a ship canal across the Panama isthmus.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a congressional act establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

In 1940, the United States Air Defense Command was created.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1966, South Korean troops sent to fight in the Vietnam War massacred at least 380 civilians in Go Dai hamlet.

In 1994, a jury in San Antonio acquitted 11 followers of David Koresh of murder, rejecting claims they had ambushed federal agents; five were convicted of voluntary manslaughter.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Snow Likely	Snow Likely	Scattered Snow	Scattered Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
31°	24°	26° / 16°	25° / 17°	27° / 19°	32° / 24°

Local Outlook

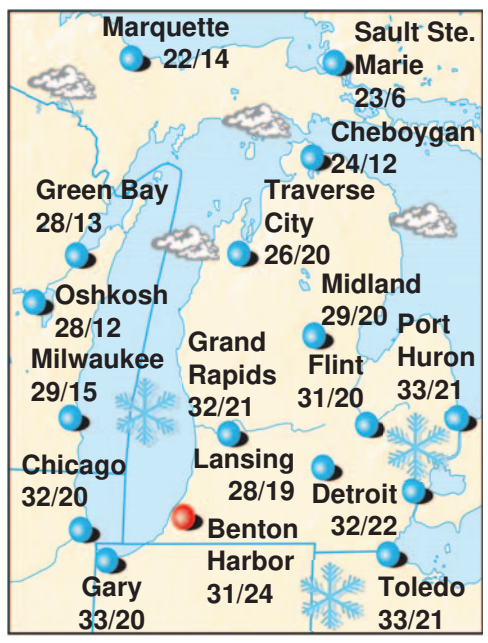
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 100% chance of snow, high temperature of 31°, humidity of 81%. East southeast wind 15 to 22 mph. New snow accumulation between three to four inches possible. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of snow, overnight low of 24°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:26 a.m.
Sunset	6:31 p.m.
Moonrise	9:08 a.m.
Moonset	9:30 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
3/2	3/9	3/16	3/24

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	37°
Low	33°
Normal High	39°
Normal Low	23°
Record High	71° in 2000
Record Low	0° in 2003

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.02"
Month to date	0.90"
Normal for month	1.26"
Year to date	4.76"
Normal Year to date	3.01"

Air Quality

Yesterday 33

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

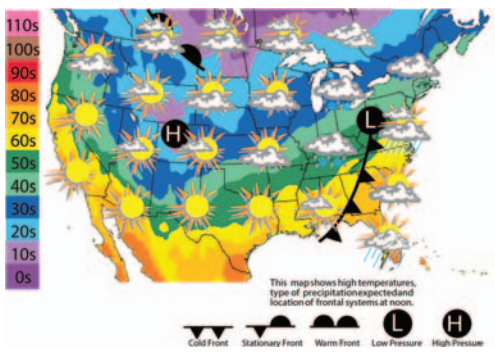
Weather Trivia

How high can hailstone accumulation be?

Answer: Drifts have reached depths of up to six feet.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 26, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, NNE wind 18 to 27 kt, with gusts as high as 34 kt. Snow showers. Widespread freezing spray between 9am and 10am. Waves 5 ft building to 8 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the 20s. East northeast wind 11 mph. Expect cloudy skies Thursday with isolated snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. West northwest wind 15 to 21 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. East southeast wind 15 to 22 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with scattered snow, highs in the 20s. West northwest wind 14 to 19 mph.

New Orleans celebrates end of Mardi Gras

By REBECCA SANTANA and JANET MCCONNAUGHEY
Associated Press

Photos by Rusty Costanza / AP

Andy Overslaugh is dress as "day" as he marches along with the Society of St. Anne on Royal Street on Mardi Gras day in New Orleans, Tuesday.

NEW ORLEANS — Dressed in sequined costumes, grooving to the rhythm of marching bands and clutching at strands of shiny beads, people in New Orleans celebrated the end of a Mardi Gras season tinged by tragedy after two bystanders were killed by floats in the days leading up to Fat Tuesday.

The party took place in neighborhoods across the city and got started before dawn. In the Treme neighborhood, the Northside Skull and Bone Gang in skeleton costumes went door to door to wake people up before sunrise. In Central City, where the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club parades, families seemed to have gotten up and in position just as early. And in the French Quarter, the streets were filled with costumed revelers.

"It's any other day anywhere else in the world but here we celebrate life," said Paul Craven, who was walking with his wife, son and friends on Royal Street in the Quarter. "Every day, every week there is some sort of festival going on. It's either very extreme or very small but there's the celebration of life but that's what has kept New Orleans alive."

Craven wore a sweeping purple sequined cape and a wreath of grape leaves on his head. He and his wife had dressed "Bacchusesque" – a nod to Bacchus, the Greek god of wine and the namesake of one of the parades leading up to Fat Tuesday.

Carnival season began Jan. 6 and ends Tuesday. It's usually a time of frivolity and fun as thousands of people swarm the streets of New Orleans and other cities and towns in southern Louisiana and the Gulf Coast. But this season has been touched by tragedy after two revelers were killed during parades.

On Feb. 19, as thousands gathered to watch the all-female Krewe of Nyx parade, 58-year-old Geraldine Carmouche of New Orleans died after being struck by a tandem float. Tandem floats are multiple floats pulled by one tractor.

Then on Saturday night during the Endymion parade – one of the biggest and glitziest parades every year – Joseph Sampson, 58, of New Orleans was hit and killed by a float, also a tandem, while watching the parade.

Following the deaths, the city announced a ban on tandem floats for the rest of the season. Police Superintendent Shaun Ferguson said Monday that representatives from parade krewes, police and city officials will meet this week or next to discuss parade safety issues.

Safety was a concern for many parents as they watched over children eager to catch the last beads of the season.

"That has always been my No. 1 rule: Don't run up to the floats," said Keitra Boutan who was watching the Zulu parade in Central City with her daughter.

Like many others in Central City, Derek Hale got up early to stake out a place on the parade route to see Zulu. Hale's friend was riding in the parade so he was helping his friend's wife and three children watch.

"The most important thing is family, just being able to be out here and enjoying the music, the high school bands, the excitement that the kids have," Hale said, holding his friend's daughter in his arms as she watched her first Mardi Gras.

Hale said the deaths of two people killed by floats worried him, and he hoped there will be changes to make next year's parades safer, such as using more barricades to keep people away from the floats. As a lifelong New Orleanian he said he knows how rare such accidents are and viewed them as isolated incidents.

"I wouldn't be out here with these three young babies if I didn't think it was a safe environment for everybody," he said.

In the French Quarter, people dressed up in intricate costumes played off of current events or simply employed a lot of sequins, glitter and feathers. This year there were a few revelers who dressed up as the "Corona Virus," or "Krewe da Flu" in a spoof of epidemic fears.

Tim and Diane deFrance clattered as they walked down a French Quarter street in outfits covered with anodized aluminum doubloons caught from parades over the years.

"We have a name for ourselves – the Doubloonatics," Tim deFrance said.

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service program."

She said her local Girl Scout troop has been participating in the program for past 37 years and she'd like to see the tradition continue, not only for herself but for those coming after her. She noted that the service not only teaches leadership skills but also allows participants to be eligible for college scholarships and military opportunities.

Similarly, Barb Lannert of Beach House Rentals said her business will be hurt if school starts before Labor Day. "I'd like to see school continue to start post-Labor Day," she said. "We will lose significant rentals if school starts before Labor Day."

She said rentals already fall off in mid-August due to Illinois and Indiana schools starting before Labor Day. She added that she'd also lose some teenage workers who wouldn't be able to work for her in those last summer weeks if they have to be back in school.

Eichberg and Niles Superintendent Dan Applegate said a key reason why they and many other local superintendents favor the waiver is to improve learning opportunities for students. They said that the goal in starting school before Labor Day is to better align K-12 schedules with those of Andrews University and the two area community colleges.

Eichberg noted that the number of dual-enrolled, career technical education and Early Middle College students continue to increase. This year, 2,791 students are in CTE programs, 622 students are dual-enrolled at one of the community colleges, and more than 150 students are in the Early Middle College program.

He said the superintendents' calendar committee will now work with local districts as they make decisions regarding what each wants to do this fall, as well as in the fall of 2021 and 2022. They will also continue to meet and make recommendations to align other parts of the calendar, including spring break and other holidays.

RETIREMENT

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first installment was a suite of incentives that became law late last year, including tax credits for small firms that set up workplace plans. Neal said he expects the automatic enrollment measure to be the key feature, though other measures would be added. Neal said he spoke late last year with Senate Finance Chairman Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, about a new bill as well.

Both Neal and Grassley said last year that they expected a second retirement package to emerge once the first had become law. Another bill authored by Senate Finance members Rob Portman, R-Ohio, and Benjamin L. Cardin, D-Md., which among other provisions would allow companies to make matching 401(k) contributions for employee student loan payments, could also be fodder for the new package.

"I would prefer that we tailor it around direct retirement savings, but to get things done sometimes you have to expand, not contract," Neal said.

Neal's auto-enrollment provision is "the known centerpiece" of "an active negotiation," said Armstrong Robinson, vice president of legislative affairs at the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting.

"We think it is the perfect, powerful build on the foundation of " the smaller 2019 retirement savings law, said Susan Neely, ACLI's president and chief executive. "We know the huge area of need is employees in small businesses who have not had access because it's not as easy or affordable."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 71 percent of the U.S. civilian workforce had access last year to a workplace retirement plan with about four-fifths of those enrolling in those plans. Workers take advantage of the access when it's there, but less than half of businesses with fewer than 50 employees offer plans.

Neal's legislation, as in previous years, is expected to exempt companies with fewer than 10 workers, those that have existed for less than three years, governments or churches. State automatic enrollment provisions previously in effect would be exempt from the new federal rules.

The version Neal introduced in December 2017 would have set up automatic payroll deductions at 6 percent of earnings at first, with an automatic escalator adding 1 percent annually until a maximum of 10 percent is taken out. If employers don't offer matching funds, then workers would be capped at $8,000 per year in contributions, with an extra $1,000 for older workers.

For employees that don't pick their own investment vehicles, plans would be required to use default investments that meet Labor Department regulations on the appropriate mix of asset preservation and capital appreciation based on workers' age and risk tolerance, like target-date funds that gradually get more conservative over time. Plans would have to offer the option of taking up to 50 percent of their distributions as an annuity, or an insurance contract providing a steady stream of payments for life.

There will be opposition from some business groups that don't like new federal mandates, particularly on small businesses. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce sees the legislation as having a "double mandate," said Chantel Sheaks, the group's executive director for retirement policy.

"It's a mandate to sponsor a plan and it's a mandate to" structure the plan, she said. Sheaks said the measure wouldn't just hit small companies; it would also impact companies with hundreds or thousands of employees who don't offer workplace plans.

She said it would not subject new plans set up after the bill is enacted to prescriptive investment requirements that older plans would need to meet, such as the option for up to 50 percent of employee holdings to be invested in annuities. It wasn't clear how grandfathering provisions in the bill, designed to exempt plans that were established before the bill passes, would work, Sheaks said.

The idea behind Neal's auto-enrollment bill is to prompt as little added cost as possible, said Mark Iwry, a Brookings Institution senior fellow and former deputy assistant secretary for retirement and health policy at the Treasury Department.

Iwry was one of the co-authors of the original proposal in 2006. The idea was spawned by the advent of direct deposit of paychecks into employees' bank accounts, a technology that makes directing a portion of a workers' pay into a retirement account simple, Iwry said. "It's OK with employers to direct deposit peoples' paychecks," Iwry said. "Now they'll go ahead and direct deposit 5 percent into another account."

Lawmakers also may have to find offsets – never a simple task – for the cost of including tax credits to help small businesses defray the costs of setting up new workplace savings plans, among other items that ultimately make it into "Retirement 2.0."

Neal's 2017 bill would have provided tax credits worth up to $5,500 annually for five years to qualifying small businesses. The earlier bill wasn't officially scored by the Joint Committee on Taxation, and an updated tax credit structure is still being discussed, according to a Ways and Means aide who wasn't authorized to speak for the record. But a similar 2016 proposal from President Barack Obama was estimated to cost nearly $4 billion over a decade.

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Beer, wine and Girl Scout cookies

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Balanced offense lifts Bears

St. Joseph has 3 double-figure scorers in victory over Berrien Springs

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

ST. JOSEPH – St. Joseph's boys basketball team took care of business at home on Tuesday.

St. Joseph 59, Berrien Springs 36

A balanced offensive attack lifted the Bears to a 59-36 win over Berrien Springs in non-conference action.

Jeremiah Sterling and Griffin Shinrock led St. Joseph with 13 points apiece and Joshua Terry scored 10, while Andrew Blomgren and Troy Pratley scored eight points apiece.

"I was pleased with our balance," St. Joseph coach Gregg Schaffer said. "We shared the ball really well. Our guys were looking for the best shot on most possessions and that allowed us to have a good offensive night.

After a slow start which saw the Shamrocks take a 14-12 lead into the second quarter, the Bears turned up the intensity, outscoring the Shamrocks 17-3 in the frame.

Pratley gave the Bears a boost off the bench, scoring all eight of his points in the quarter. An Andy Blomgren 3-pointer at the buzzer gave St. Joseph a 29-17 halftime lead to take control of the game.

"We came out flat," Berrien Springs coach Karl Finley said. "We couldn't follow the game plan. I could tell from the start that we weren't dialed in as a team. You can't take anything away from St. Joe, they played well. But I wish we could've been much more competitive tonight."

Ball movement led to easy baskets on offense for St. Joseph as the team finished with 18 assists.

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Don Campbell / HP staff See more photos :heraldpalladium.mycapture.com

Michigan Lutheran's Jenna Koehler defends against Benton Harbor's Kyra Nichols during the first half of Tuesday night's game.

Burrow shows Cincy some love, NFL teams drool over receivers

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Who wouldn't want to follow in the footsteps of John Elway and Eli Manning?

BURROW

Joe Burrow, that's who.

The Heisman Trophy winner, national champion and consensus No. 1 pick in next month's draft said Tuesday at the NFL scouting combine that he'd have no qualms playing in Cincinnati, which owns the top choice.

"Yeah, I'm not going to not play," the LSU star quarterback replied when asked if he would report to the Bengals should they select him No. 1 overall on April 23 in Las Vegas. "I'm a ballplayer. Whoever picks me, I'm going to go show up."

Burrow, who grew up in Athens, Ohio, and initially attended Ohio State, said he'd love to play professionally in his home state.

"Yeah, absolutely. It's 2 hours, 15 minutes from my house," Burrow said. "I could go home for dinner if I wanted to."

Burrow said on Dan Patrick's radio show last month that it was important for him to keep winning in the NFL and that while he wanted to be the first overall pick, "you also want to go to a great organization that is committed to winning. Committed to winning Super Bowls."

The Bengals haven't won a Super Bowl since entering the league in 1968.

Those comments sparked speculation that Burrow was skeptical about the Bengals.

"The only thing I've said is that I just didn't want to be presumptuous about the pick," Burrow said Tuesday. "That's why I've been non-committal because I don't know what's going to happen. They might not pick me. They might fall in love with someone else. You guys kind of took that narrative and ran with it. There has never been anything like that from my end."

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Titans stand tall

Michigan Lutheran overcomes height disadvantage to edge Benton Harbor

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Don Campbell / HP staff

Michigan Lutheran's Mara Rugen puts up a shot during the first half of Tuesday night's game.

BENTON HARBOR — Michigan Lutheran's tallest girls basketball player stands just 5-foot-7, but the Titans have been able to overcome that deficiency all season with relentless defensive pressure.

Lutheran 35, Benton Harbor 33

The size disadvantage was especially big in Tuesday's game against Benton Harbor, but Division 4 No. 5 Lutheran hung on for a 35-33 victory over the Tigers by forcing 31 turnovers.

"That's how they counteract the size," Benton Harbor coach Kenny Jackson said. "They do it with speed. They trap the guards, pick off lazy passes, and then they're on to a layup, easy basket. That's how they do it."

Shaliya Perkins scored a basket with 36.8 seconds left that pulled Benton Harbor (3-14) to within one at 34-33. Perkins finished with a team-high 11 points and six rebounds. The Tigers didn't get another shot off, however, as Lutheran (17-1) came up with turnovers on the Tigers' final two possessions.

The Titans had their own struggles with turnovers, committing 23 of them.

"Coach Jackson does a great job with those kids playing hard," Lutheran coach Ron Briney said. "They use their size very well. We executed well enough on defense. We executed very poorly on offense. Certainly some of that is attributed to them, a lot of that is attributed to what we've got to work on."

Mara Rugen and Jessi

See **TITANS**, page B2

Winston, MSU push past Iowa

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

EAST LANSING — Cassius Winston scored only one point in the first half and it looked like his team's slim shot to win another Big Ten title was vanishing.

Michigan St. 78, Iowa 70

The All-America point guard bounced back and scored 19 of his 20 points in the second half, helping No. 24 Michigan State rally to beat 18th-ranked Iowa 78-70 on Tuesday night to keep its conference championship hopes alive.

"Cassius had a miserable first half," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said. "He did what true champions are supposed to do and just did an unbelievable job in the second half."

The defending league champion Spartans (19, 9, 11-6 Big Ten) moved into sole possession of second place in the conference, 1 ½ games behind No. 9 Maryland, with their third win in four games.

"We did a good job of fighting and holding it together," Winston said.

The Hawkeyes (19-9, 10-7) started the night tied for second in the Big Ten and ended it slipping to sixth place, possibly making an impact on their seeding for the conference tournament in two weeks.

Iowa's Luka Garza scored 20 on 8 of 21 shooting against a lot of attention.

"They were really physical with me, probably as physical as a team has been with me this entire year," Garza said.

Ryan Kriener had 18 points before fouling out late, and Connor McCaffery added 11 points for the Hawkeyes.

"Michigan State doesn't double so they were going to live with other people scoring," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said. "Connor and Kriener stepped up."

Michigan State's Aaron Henry scored 17 points, one shy of his season high.

"He was our best all-around player," Izzo said.

Winston barely scored in the first half, and Xavier Tillman did not have a point before halftime after going to the bench early with two fouls.

With Michigan State's top

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Al Goldis / AP

Michigan State's Xavier Tillman, left, and Iowa's Luka Garza fight for a rebound during the first half of Tuesday's game.

IN BRIEF

State wrestling tournament seeding announced

The seeding has been announced for the MHSAA team wrestling state quarterfinals held Friday and Saturday at the Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo.

In Division 2, No. 3-seed Lakeshore (19-1) will face No. 6 Mason (23-2) at 6:45 p.m. Friday. In Division 3, No. 8 Dowagiac will compete against No. 1 Dundee (20-1) at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Radio host for calling Browns' Mayfield 'midget'

CLEVELAND (AP) — A Cleveland sports talk radio personality has been suspended indefinitely for referring to Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield as a "midget."

During a commercial break at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis, ESPN Cleveland's Tony Grossi didn't realize his microphone was still on when he used a vulgar word before calling Mayfield a midget. Grossi is a columnist for the station and frequently appears on air.

The station's owner, Good Karma Brands, issued an immediate apology to Mayfield and the Browns while adding its decision to punish Grossi. The company also said it will pursue sensitivity and inclusion training "for everyone on our content teams across our company."

Lions cut tackle 'Snacks' Harrison

ALLEN PARK (AP) — The Detroit Lions have released defensive tackle Damon "Snacks" Harrison.

The Lions announced the move Tuesday, less than a year after signing him to an $11 million, one-year contract extension. He went into the 2019 season with two years left on the $46 million contract he signed with the New York Giants.

Harrison started in 15 games last season, but had a career-low 49 tackles and two sacks for the three-win Lions.

Schneider, Devils beat Red Wings

DETROIT (AP) — Cory Schneider finally won a game, but afterward, much of the discussion was about a couple third-period incidents involving New Jersey rookie Jack Hughes.

Schneider made 27 saves for his first victory of the season, leading the Devils past the Detroit Red Wings 4-1 on Tuesday night. In the final period, Hughes was involved in a leg-to-leg collision that left Detroit's Robby Fabbri shaken up. Then Hughes was on the other end of a last-minute hit by Tyler Bertuzzi that touched off an extended skirmish.

Joey Anderson, Jesper Bratt, Kyle Palmieri and Nikita Gusev scored for the Devils, who won for the seventh time in their last 10 games.

Detroit is 3-16-1 in its last 20. Valtteri Filppula had the only goal for the Red Wings.

Red-hot Nuggets blow out Pistons

DENVER (AP) — Jerami Grant scored a career-high 29 points and Nikola Jokic had a season-best four steals to help the healthy Denver Nuggets beat the Detroit Pistons 115-98 on Tuesday night.

At 40-18, the Nuggets are tied for their best start through 58 games in their NBA franchise history. They had the same mark a season ago on their way to winding up with the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

Jokic added 16 points in a game where Denver led by as many as 15 points in the third quarter, had it cut to single digits and pulled away in the fourth to remain the second seed in the West.

AIRWAVES

Television today

3:00 p.m. (TNT) **UEFA Champions League Soccer** Real Madrid vs Manchester City FC. Round of 16, 1st Leg. (Live) CC
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** St. John's at Villanova. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Rutgers at Penn State. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Virginia at Virginia Tech. (Live)
(ESPNU) **College Basketball** UCF at Connecticut. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Dallas Mavericks at San Antonio Spurs. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** Texas at TCU. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Evansville at Northern Iowa. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Buffalo Sabres at Colorado Avalanche. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Georgetown at Marquette. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Maryland at Minnesota. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** LSU at Florida. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Boston Celtics at Utah Jazz. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Pittsburgh Penguins at Los Angeles Kings. (Live)
1:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Oman Open, First Round. (Live)
5:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Oman Open, First Round. (Live)

Thursday

7:00 a.m. (NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Evansville at Northern Iowa. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The Honda Classic, First Round. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Nebraska at Indiana. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Wisconsin at Michigan. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Indiana at Purdue. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Tampa Bay Lightning. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Minnesota Wild at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Dallas Stars at Boston Bruins. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Illinois at Northwestern. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Temple at Wichita State. (Live)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Portland Trail Blazers at Indiana Pacers. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Ohio State at Nebraska. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Arizona at USC. (Live)
(FS1) **CONCACAF Champions League Soccer** Los Angeles vs León. (Live) CC
10:30 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors. (Live) CC
11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Oregon State at Oregon. (Live)
1:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Oman Open, Second Round. (Live)
5:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Oman Open, Second Round. (Live)

Radio today

5:30 p.m.
College basketball — Jackson at Lake Michigan College doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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Ross rejoins Cubs after brief stint in hospital

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

MESA, Ariz. — David Ross thought he would miss only the Cubs' Cactus League opener Saturday night because of his flu-like symptoms.

"I tried to push it," Ross said Tuesday morning. "My body had a different idea."

Ross said he spent four to five hours Sunday at Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn Medical Center under the supervision of team doctor Stephen Adams to receive fluids and eventually "turned the corner." He'll make his long-awaited managerial debut Tuesday afternoon against the Rockies at Sloan Park.

"As a player, I only had to show up for Jon Lester's starts, so I figured today was a good day to get back," Ross quipped.

Ross said he felt fine, but only after taking some good-natured ribbing from an array of Cubs, from general manager Jed Hoyer to slugger Anthony Rizzo.

"A buddy of mine texted me, 'you quit already?'" Ross said.

Ross did say "what goes around, comes around" in response to Hoyer telling a television audience that he told Ross he's no "Lou Gehrig," referring to the Yankees' durable first baseman from 80 years ago.

"Just so you know, Jed is a little under the weather today," Ross said. "That's karma. I wish I could have been there (at the games). Trust me."

Ross said he felt bad missing the first three Cactus League games and that he has stressed accountability to his players.

"You give all these talks to guys, and I'm in there talking about I want everyone in there the first game in the dugout," said Ross, who watched two of the first three games on television. "I'm sitting at home watching 62 dudes in the dugout, guys are hitting home runs, and I'm wondering, 'how am I not there?'

"I'm holding everyone accountable here, and I'm not only one not there. That was tough."

Ross said didn't recall missing many games as a player, especially because of illness.

Ross felt well enough to watch Yu Darvish and Craig Kimbrel throw live batting practice Monday at the Cubs' spring complex but didn't make the 40-minute trek to Peoria for the game against the Mariners.

Ross said the coaching staff kept him updated on the personnel.

"Things definitely ran seamlessly," Ross said. "It was easy to see (Monday) when I came in for the short bit how well things were running. I'm super thankful for that group."

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Benton Harbor's Tyshay Williams shoots over Michigan Lutheran's Mara Rugen, left, and Jenna Koehler during the first half of Tuesday night's game.

TITANS

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Jewell led Lutheran with 13 points apiece. Jewell hit a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter that gave the Titans their largest lead of the game at 27-18, but Benton Harbor responded with an 11-0 run and took its first lead of the game on a pair of free throws by Perkins with 6:12 left.

The two teams traded leads until a pair of free throws by Rebekah Hisle put the Titans up for good at 32-31 with 4:06 to play. Hisle had six rebounds, and she and Rugen each had five steals.

"I knew they were going to be a tough opponent, so I wasn't mad about it," Jackson said. "When it got to the fourth quarter, and it got to be a close game, I was pretty excited about that. I love that. That's the kind of games you want to be in."

Kendra Kyles had six points and five rebounds for Benton Harbor, and Jmya Jordan added five points and six steals.

Briney is hoping the matchup will help the Titans in the postseason.

"Last year in the regionals, we were blessed to play against Fruitport Calvary Christian that had three six-footers," Briney said. "There's always going to be those people somewhere potentially down the road. We're certainly not assuming we're in regionals, because we're not, yet you have to prepare during the regular season for all types of basketball teams."

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 35, BENTON HARBOR 33

LUTHERAN (35)
Mara Rugen 4 5-7 13, Rebekah Hisle 0 2-4 2, Jenna Koehler 1 0-0 3, Abby Harris 0 1-4 1, Jessi Jewell 5 1-2 13, Hailey Conrad 1 0-0 3. Totals: 11 9-17 35.

BENTON HARBOR (33)
Jmya Jordan 2 0-0 5, Kyra Nichols 1 0-0 2, Shaliya Perkins 4 3-5 11, Tyshay Williams 1 0-0 2, Desrae Kyles 1 0-0 2, Breasia Hill 0 1-4 1, Aamya Johnson 2 0-0 4, Kendra Kyles 3 0-0 6. Totals: 14 4-9 33.

Lutheran	**11**	**6**	**10**	**8**	**— 35**
B. Harbor	**8**	**6**	**9**	**10**	**— 33**

3-point goals – Lutheran 4 (Jewell 2, Koehler, Conrad), Benton Harbor 1 (Jordan). Total fouls – Lutheran 13, Benton Harbor 17. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Hisle (ML) 6, Perkins (BH) 6. Steals – Jewell (ML) 5, Hisle (ML) 6, Jordan (BH) 6.
Records – Lutheran 17-1, Benton Harbor 3-14.

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BEARS

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Communication on defense helped the Bears slow down Berrien Springs' Byron Tate and Jackson Glanzer. Tate finished with 12 points – all of which coming in the second half – and Glanzer has held without a field goal and finished with two points.

Josiah Pittman finished with 10 points for the Shamrocks (6-11). St. Joseph led by as many as 24 in the fourth.

"It was just a really good team win," Schaffer said. "I thought Shinrock and (Nick) Borre did a good job defending Tate and I was pleased with how our guards defended Glanzer. Those guys are good offensive players and we made them earn what they got."

The Bears (7-11) hope their solid play will continue into Friday's game against conference foe Portage Central. The Mustangs currently sit atop the Southwest Michigan Athletic Conference West Division with a 7-1 (15-2) record.

"We want to build on this," Schaffer said. "We have a big challenge on Friday but we're looking forward to it."

ST. JOSEPH 59, BERRIEN SPRINGS 36

ST. JOE (59)
Jeremiah Sterling 5 1-2 13, Griffin Shinrock 6 1-1 13, Joshua Terry 3 2-4 10, Andrew Blomgren 3 1-2 8, Troy Pratley 3 0-0 8, Nick Borre 2 0-0 4, Conner Wright 1 0-0 2, Luke Hedstrom 0 1-2 1. Totals: 23 6-11 59.

B SPRINGS (36)
Byron Tate 5 1-1 12, Josiah Pittman 3 1-2 7, Anthony Latin 2 1-4 5, Marshall McFarland 0 3-6 3, Antwan Davis 0 2-2 2, Zeb Bodtke 1 0-0 2, Jamal Hailey 1 0-0 2, Jackson Glanzer 0 2-2 2. Totals: 12 11-19 36.

St. Joe	**12**	**17**	**17**	**13**	**– 59**
B Springs	**14**	**3**	**11**	**8**	**– 36**

3-point goals – St. Joe 7 (Pratley 2, Terry 2, Sterling 2, Blomgren), B Springs 1 (Tate). Total fouls – St. Joe 17, B Springs 11. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – St. Joe 7-11, B Springs 6-11.

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Blackhawks fall to Blues in wild game

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Zach Sanford had two goals and an assist, leading the St. Louis Blues to a wild 6-5 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday night.

St. Louis 6, Chicago 5

Sanford scored the tie-breaking goal on a power play with at 13:35 of the third period.

It was the fourth goal of the final frame for the Blues, who trailed 3-2 after two periods.

Justin Faulk, Ryan O'Reilly, Brayden Schenn and Robert Thomas also scored for St. Louis. Thomas, David Perron, Jaden Schwartz each added two assists.

Brandon Saad, Duncan Keith and Patrick Kane scored power-play goals. Chicago entered last in the league in power-play efficiency at 14.2 percent.

It's the first time this season the Blackhawks have scored three power-play goals in a game.

Connor Murphy and Matthew Highmore also scored for Chicago.

Corey Crawford recorded 31 saves for Chicago.

Schroder helps Thunder top Bulls

By JAY COHEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Dennis Schroder scored 21 points and made a huge defensive play in the fourth quarter, helping the Oklahoma City Thunder top the Chicago Bulls 124-122 on Tuesday night for their fourth consecutive win.

Oklahoma City 124, Chicago 122

Oklahoma City blew a 24-point lead but recovered in time to earn its ninth straight victory on the road, breaking a Thunder record. Danilo Gallinari scored 24 points, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 21 points and 11 rebounds, and Chris Paul finished with 19 points and nine assists.

Gallinari's driving dunk put Oklahoma City ahead to stay with 1:39 left. Schroder then drew a charge on Zach LaVine and Paul converted a layup to give the Thunder a 117-114 lead with 1:03 remaining.

Chicago had one more chance in the final seconds, but LaVine missed a 3-point attempt as time expired.

The Bulls wasted a pair of stellar performances from LaVine and rookie reserve Coby White. LaVine scored 27 of his 41 points in the second half, and White had a career-high 35 in his third consecutive game over 30 points.

Chicago lost for the ninth time in 10 games.

Oklahoma City committed 26 turnovers and trailed by as many as 26 in a 109-106 win over Chicago on Dec. 16. The Paul-led rally helped kick-start the Thunder season.

This time, Oklahoma City got off to a fast start.

Led by Gallinari, the Thunder opened the game with a 20-4 run. They went 11 for 17 from 3-point range and led by as many as 24 on their way to a 72-55 lead at the break.

TIP-INS

Thunder: F Darius Bazley missed his fifth straight game with a bruised right knee. Coach Billy Donovan said there is no timetable for his return. ... It was Oklahoma City's highest-scoring first half of the season.

Bulls: Shaquille Harrison scored 11 points, and Tomas Satoransky finished with 10.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

BERRIEN SPRINGS 48, LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 46

B SPRINGS (48)
Zoe Dortch 6 2-6 16, Taneya Shivers 6 4-6 16, Hillary Dortch 4 2-2 13, Kym'meisha Ellis-Davis 1 1-2 3. Totals: 17 9-16 48.
LM CATHOLIC (46)
Tidey 10 1-1 24, LaSata 2 3-4 9, Mills 2 0-4 4, Proos 1 1-2 4. Totals: 17 6-13 46.

B Springs	**10**	**7**	**5**	**18**	**8 – 48**
LM Catholic;	**10**	**14**	**2**	**14**	**6 – 46**

3-point goals – LM Catholic 6 (Tidey 3, LaSata 2, Proos), B Springs 4 (H. Dortch 3, Z. Dortch). Total fouls – LM Catholic 15, B Springs 14. Fouled out – B Springs (Z. Dortch), LM Catholic (Proos). Technical fouls – None.
Records – Berrien Springs 8-11, LM Catholic 10-9.

NEW BUFFALO 47, BRIDGMAN 29

NEW BUFFALO (47)
James 3 5-7 13, Corkran 5 0-0 10, Vitale 5 0-0 10, Collins 2 2-3 6, DeOliveira 1 1-2 4, Mayer 1 1-2 3. Totals: 17 9-14 47.
BRIDGMAN (29)
Liv Tomlin 4 2-2 10, Talea Lavanway 2 2-2 8, Elise Schmaltz 1 2-4 4, Mayer 1 2-6 4, Jalynn Krieger 0 2-4 2, Sam Rydwelski 0 1-3 1. Totals: 8 11-21 29.

New Buffalo	**7**	**12**	**15**	**13**	**– 47**
Bridgman	**9**	**11**	**3**	**6**	**– 29**

3-point goals – New Buffalo 3 (James 2, DeOliveira). Total fouls – New Buffalo 18, Bridgman 12. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – New Buffalo 15-4, Bridgman 4-15.

EDWARDSBURG 51, ST. JOSEPH 33

EDWARDSBURG (51)
Claire Bartz 4 6-7 17, Abbey Krugh 3 7-8 16, Macey Laubach 5 2-2 12, Amyah Swartz 1 0-0 2, Alyssa Simmons 1 0-0 2, Kaitlynne Allen 0 1-2 1. Totals: 14 16-19.
ST. JOE (33)
Symone King 4 1-1 9, Emma Inman 2 2-2 8, Karly Klaer 3 0-0 6, Cailynn Junk 2 0-0 4, Alex Malone 1 1-2 3, Eleah Hedstrom 1 1-1 3. Totals: 13 5-6 33.

Edwardsburg	**11**	**14**	**15**	**11**	**– 51**
St. Joe	**15**	**7**	**3**	**8**	**– 33**

3-point goals – Edwardsburg 5 (Krugh 3, Bartz, Laubach), St. Joe 2 (Inman 2). Total fouls – St. Joseph 15, Edwardsburg 10.
Records – St. Joseph 11-8, Edwardsburg 18-1.

WHITE PIGEON 46, HARTFORD 35

Hartford – Megan Nelson 12 points, Jaeylyn Galbreath 11 points, Alexis Snodgrass 10 points.
Records – Hartford 8-8 SW 10, 10-8; White Pigeon 13-3, 15-4.
Complete results unavailable

COLOMA 54, DOWAGIAC 33

DOWAGIAC (33)
Haydyn First 1 5-5 7, Greta Whitaker 1 2-2 4, Makayla Hill 0 2-4 2, Calley Ruff 1 0-0 2, Allie Conner 4 1-2 9, Martha Schaller 2 1-2 5, Madison Potter 1 0-0 2, Sierra Carpenter 1 0-0 2. Totals: 11 11-15 33.
COLOMA (54)
Megan Koenigshof 3 2-2 8, Marissa Sherburn 3 0-0 8, Adian Allmon 1 1-2 3, Amaria Echols 2 0-0 4, Taylor Brown 1 3-4 6, Addy Kimmerly 1 1-2 3, Megan Neubecker 2 1-4 5, Vanessa Crisenbery 7 1-2 17. Totals: 20 9-16 54.

Dowagiac	**8**	**0**	**9**	**16**	**— 33**
Coloma	**9**	**18**	**13**	**14**	**— 54**

3-point goals – Dowagiac 0, Coloma 5 (Sherburn 2, Crisenbery 2, Brown). Total fouls – Dowagiac 17, Coloma 14. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Neubecker (C) 14.
Records – Dowagiac 1-18, Coloma 9-10.

NILES 52, BATTLE CREEK LAKEVIEW 43

NILES (52)
K. Patterson 3 1-2 10, Davies 3 0-0 6, Palmer 3 0-2 6, A. Patterson 9 0-1 21, Skarbek 1 0-0 3, Lucero 0 1-2 1, Rauch 1 1-2 3, Warren 1 0-0 2. Totals: 21 3-9 52.
BC LAKEVIEW (43)
Ross 3 1-2 8, Watkins 6 4-9 17, Palmer 0 1-2 1, Abbey 1 0-0 2, Hutson 3 1-1 8, Belmore 3 1-2 7. Totals: 16 8-16 43.

Niles	**13**	**12**	**14**	**13**	**— 52**
Lakeview	**16**	**6**	**14**	**7**	**— 43**

3-point goals – Niles 7 (K. Patterson 3, A. Patterson 3, Skarbek), Lakeview 3 (Ross, Watkins, Hutson). Total fouls – Niles 16, Lakeview 14.
Records – Niles 10-9, BC Lakeview 13-6.

KAL. CENTRAL 57, LAKESHORE 37

Lakeshore scoring — Morgan Tillman 12, Riley Pifer 8, Gabby Conway 6.

Kal. Central	**4**	**17**	**29**	**7**	**— 57**
Lakeshore	**10**	**12**	**8**	**7**	**— 37**

Records – Kal. Central 10-10, Lakeshore 6-13.
Complete results unavailable

BUCHANAN 56, ALLEGAN 41

BUCHANAN (56)
Hailey Jonatzke 3 0-0 8, Jillian McKean 1 0-0 2, Claire Lietz 3 1-2 7, Emma Lozmack 1 0-0 2, Alea Fisher 1 0-0 2, Alexa Burns 1 1-4 3, Faith Carson 16 0-0 32. Totals: 26 2-6 56.
ALLEGAN (41)
K. Fulton 1 0-0 2, Alison Bishop 9 4-5 25, A. Radke 1 0-0 2, A. Allen 2 2-2 6, K. Church 2 0-0 4, M. Groth 1 0-0 2. Totals: 16 6-7 41.

Buchanan	**12**	**10**	**18**	**16**	**— 56**
Allegan	**9**	**10**	**6**	**16**	**— 41**

3-point goals – Buchanan 2 (Jonatzke 2), Allegan 3 (Bishop 3). Total fouls – Buchanan 8, Allegan 8. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Buchanan 14-5, Allegan 8-11.

BOYS BASKETBALL

NEW BUFFALO 74, MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 42

NEW BUFFALO (74)
Nate Tripp 3 0-0 7, Kaden Parmley 7 2-3 22, Mark Shaw 6 2-2 17, Anthony Lijewski 6 1-5 15, Ryan Vinson 4 1-2 9, Jean Gordon 1 0-0 2. Team totals: 28 6-12 74.
LUTHERAN (42)
Rosenbaum 3 7-11 13, Plocher 3 0-1 7, Ritter 2 0-4 6, Taylor 3 0-2 6, Semenak 1 3-6 5, Adams 0 2-2 2, Deweerd 0 0-2 2. Totals: 15 12-26 42.

New Buffalo	**24**	**17**	**15**	**18**	**– 74**
M Lutheran	**5**	**17**	**12**	**8**	**– 42**

3-point goals – M Lutheran 6 (Ritter 2, Deweerd 2, Plocher, Lockman), New Buffalo 10 (Parmley 4, Shaw 3, Lijewski 2, Tripp). Total fouls – New Buffalo 19, M Lutheran 14. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – New Buffalo 11-1 BCS White, 11-6; M Lutheran 4-8 BCS White, 6-11.

EAU CLAIRE 77, BANGOR 36

EAU CLAIRE (77)
Hackney 8 0-1 18, Travis 7 3-5 19, Evans 7 2-4 16, Taylor 3 3-6 9, Murphy 3 1-3 7, Brown 2 0-0 4, Moore 1 0-0 2. Totals: 33 9-19 77.
BANGOR (46)
Fuller 4 3-4 11, Hardester 4 0-1 9, Jones 3 1-2 7, Brunn 2 2-4 6, McGuire 2 0-1 4, Tate Jr. 2 0-0 4, Osteen 1 1-2 4. Totals: 18 7-14 46.

Eau Claire	**26**	**11**	**17**	**13**	**– 77**
Bangor	**6**	**19**	**10**	**11**	**– 46**

3-point goals – Eau Claire 4 (Hackney 2, Travis 2), Bangor 2 (Osteen, Hardester). Total fouls – Bangor 17, Eau Claire 16. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – Eau Claire 10-6 SW10,11-7; Bangor 0-16 SW 10,0-17.

HARTFORD 71, WHITE PIGEON 49

Hartford – Aaron Sinclair 26 points, Elijah Rodarte 11 points, Elikah Ledesma 10 points, Kaden Johnson 5 points.
Records – Hartford 9-7 SW 10, 10-8; White Pigeon 7-9, 7-10.
Complete results unavailable

KALAMAZOO CENTRAL 48, LAKESHORE 45

Lakeshore – Ja'Kobe Young 16 points, JJ Bushu 14 points, Dylan Clem 8 points.

K Central	**8**	**11**	**14**	**15**	**– 48**
Lakeshore	**1**	**11**	**15**	**18**	**– 45**

Records – Kal. Central 14-4, Lakeshore 14-4
Complete results unavailable

RIVER VALLEY 65, HOLLAND BLACK RIVER 23

BLACK RIVER (23)
Elliott Bastiaanse 1 0-2 3, Danny Sharkey 4 1-2 9, Drew Dykema 3 3-4 9, Sam Zeller 1 0-0 2. Totals: 9 4-8 23.
RIVER VALLEY (65)
Lennon Lange 5 1-3 11, Wil Korbel 5 0-0 10, Jacob Barbour 5 0-0 13, Tylar Montgomery 0 0-5 0, Carson Taylor 0 0-1 0, Josh Seifert 1 2-5 5, Matthew Schmidt 5 0-1 12, Davyd Bronson 3 1-2 8, Kenny Gibson 2 0-1 6. Totals: 26 4-18 65.

Black River	**8**	**4**	**6**	**5**	**— 23**
River Valley	**13**	**17**	**21**	**14**	**— 65**

3-point goals – Black River 1 (Bastiaanse), River Valley 9 (Barbour 3, Schmidt 2, Gibson 2, Seifert, Bronson). Total fouls – Black River 22, River Valley 10. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Black River 22, River Valley 32 (Schmidt 10).
Records – Black River 6-12, River Valley 15-3.

BC LAKEVIEW 56, NILES 53

Niles scoring — Mike Gilcrese 22, Mari Nichols 14.

Lakeview	**20**	**17**	**13**	**6**	**— 56**
Niles	**6**	**18**	**17**	**12**	**— 53**

Records – BC Lakeview 9-8, Niles 2-16.
Complete results unavailable

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

COLOMA LANES
TUESDAY NIGHTERS – Alanna Swetay 724, Nikki Needham 637, Kandice Agee 551, Brenda Webster 525.
GEORGE HUFFMAN MEMORIAL – Bryan Angelo 752 (278), Bob McCormick 706 (268), Mike Forrest 688 (235), Aaron Trapp 655 (234), Scott Glynn 651 (236).
KELLEY'S BOWL
MOONSHINERS – Tmesia Daughtry 553 (201), Pam Head 513, Sonya Jackson 502, Sue Holland 495, Amanda Bland 490. Team score: 3 The Hard Way 1419 (514).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
College basketball
LMC men at Jackson College, 7:30
LMC women at Jackson College, 5:30
Thursday
Girls basketball
Brandywine at Parchment, 6
Benton Harbor at Schoolcraft, 7
Berrien Springs at Buchanan, 7
Bangor at Michigan Lutheran, 6

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Tuesday's boys scores
Alba 55, Cadillac Heritage Christian 48
Allendale 63, Coopersville 53
Almont 59, Dryden 47
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 54, Grosse Ile 41
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 55, Lutheran Westland 36
Baldwin 51, Manistee Catholic Central 48
Bark River-Harris 54, Manistique 34
Battle Creek Academy 59, Covert 26
Battle Creek Lakeview 56, Niles 53
Battle Creek Pennfield 50, Hastings 39
Bay City All Saints 62, Deckerville 55
Bedford 70, Carleton Airport 53
Bellevue 83, Athens 48
Benzie Central 72, Manistee 45
Berkley 55, Ferndale University 45
Big Rapids 70, Remus Chippewa Hills 29
Bloomfield Hills Roeper 47, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 39
Bloomingdale 40, Decatur 35
Boyne City 61, Harbor Springs 39
Brownstown Woodhaven 63, Southgate Anderson 50
Buchanan 77, Allegan 52
Burton Bendle 65, Byron 53
Caledonia 91, Grandville 44
Calhoun Christian 56, Kalamazoo Heritage Christian 43
Canton Prep 60, Whitmore Lake 46
Carrollton 66, Midland Bullock Creek 49
Cassopolis 67, Marcellus 65
Centreville 65, Mendon 38
Charlevoix 77, Grayling 39
Chelsea 64, Tecumseh 47
Clinton 60, Britton-Deerfield 52
Coldwater 56, Battle Creek Harper Creek 44
Coleman 64, Farwell 55
Colon 49, Battle Creek St. Philip 34
Davison 76, Saginaw Heritage 74
DeWitt 60, Grand Ledge 43
Dearborn Advanced Technology 82, Melvindale Academy for Business And Tech 54
Dearborn Heights Annapolis 88, Garden City 22
Dearborn Henry Ford Academy 72, Detroit Universal 50
Detroit Country Day 53, Auburn Hills Avondale 37
Detroit Edison(DEPSA) 73, Flint Carman-Ainsworth 50
Detroit Ford 58, Detroit East English 51
Dexter 65, Pinckney 36
East Jordan 55, Kalkaska 53
East Kentwood 55, Grand Haven 54
East Lansing 76, Lansing Catholic 74
Eaton Rapids 49, Mason 36
Eau Claire 77, Bangor 46
Ellsworth 95, Harbor Light Christian 57
Escanaba 79, Gwinn 46
Essexville Garber 51, Bay City John Glenn 30
Ewen-Trout Creek 61, Watersmeet 40
Fowlerville 68, Ionia 60
Frankenmuth 57, Flint Southwestern 48
Fremont 53, Howard City Tri-County 32
Genesee 66, Akron-Fairgrove 47
Gibraltar Carlson 55, Lincoln Park 46
Goodrich 75, Flint International 34
Grand Rapids Catholic Central 73, Spring Lake 53
Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 68, Wyoming Lee 36
Grand Rapids South Christian 53, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 43
Grand River Prep 56, Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 45
Grand Traverse Academy 60, Charlton Heston 44
Grandville Calvin Christian 75, Wyoming Godwin Heights 47
Grant 65, Newaygo 56
Hartford 71, White Pigeon 49
Hemlock 49, Ithaca 41
Hillsdale Academy 84, North Adams-Jerome 26
Holland 67, Kelloggsville 53
Holland Calvary 81, Saugatuck 44
Holland Christian 58, Zeeland East 56, OT
Holton 59, Shelby 34
Hopkins 55, Belding 38
Houghton 68, Lake Linden-Hubbell 60
Hudsonville 48, Holland West Ottawa 35
Hudsonville Unity Christian 57, Hamilton 46
Jackson Northwest 60, Marshall 51
Jenison 61, Muskegon Mona Shores 56
Kalamazoo Central 48, Lakeshore 45
Kalamazoo Christian 61, Galesburg-Augusta 30
Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 71, Mattawan 46
Kingston 72, Caseville 38
L'Anse 58, Ontonagon 44
Lake City 36, Evart 35
Lake Leelanau St. Mary 67, Traverse City Home School 48
Lake Odessa Lakewood 62, Delton Kellogg 40
Lansing Eastern 53, Charlotte 37
Lansing Waverly 61, Holt 50
Leslie 60, Brooklyn Columbia Central 48
Linden 77, Lapeer 63
Ludington 48, Whitehall 47
Manton 59, Beal City 53
Mayville 55, Carsonville-Port Sanilac 50
Milan 62, Monroe 48
Millington 75, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 64
Morley-Stanwood 57, Carson City-Crystal 39
Morrice 73, Ashley 11
Mount Pleasant 53, Cadillac 46
Munising 69, North Central 40
Muskegon Catholic 47, Zion Christian 31
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 62, Montague 48
Napoleon 55, Hillsdale 39
New Buffalo 74, St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran 42
Niles Brandywine 49, Gobles 46
North Muskegon 55, Muskegon Orchard View 51
Oakridge 53, Mason County Central 41
Okemos 64, Lansing Everett 49
Ortonville Brandon 87, Burton Atherton 70
Painesdale Jeffers 76, Hancock 35
Paw Paw 53, Comstock 49
Perry 63, Owosso 32
Petersburg Summerfield 47, Adrian Madison 26
Petoskey 81, Sault Ste Marie 43
Pontiac Academy for Excellence 56, Michigan Math and Science 42
Portage Northern 65, Richland Gull Lake 64, 3OT
Posen 44, Rogers City 22
Redford Union 62, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 48
Republic-Michigamme 49, Iron Mountain North Dickinson 42
Republic-Michigamme 49, North Dickinson 42
Romulus 58, Redford Thurston 47
Saginaw Arts and Science 72, Chesaning 55
Saginaw Nouvel 60, St. Louis 7
Saline 66, Fenton 52
Sand Creek 68, Ottawa Lake Whiteford 43
Schoolcraft 74, Constantine 29
South Lyon 58, Milford 44
Southfield Bradford Academy 52, Detroit Western Intl 44
Southfield Christian 86, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 41
St. Charles 56, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 54
St. Joseph 59, Berrien Springs 36
Standish-Sterling 61, Tawas 44
Stanton Central Montcalm 61, Reed City 49
Three Oaks River Valley 65, Holland Black River 23
Troy 56, Birmingham Seaholm 28
Unionville-Sebewaing 63, Sandusky 39
Vicksburg 72, Three Rivers 65
Walled Lake Northern 53, Walled Lake Central 26
Waterford Mott 76, South Lyon East 37
Webberville 54, Ovid-Elsie 53
West Branch Ogemaw Heights 56, Lincoln-Alcona 46
White Lake Lakeland 60, Walled Lake Western 40
Wyandotte Roosevelt 65, Allen Park 40
Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory 59, Plymouth Christian 44
Catholic School League Tournament
Cardinal Bracket Semifinal
Marine City Cardinal Mooney 51, Clarkston Everest Collegiate 40
MAC Tournament
Blue/Gold Division Consolation Semifinal
Utica 69, L'Anse Creuse 59
Blue/Gold Division Semifinal
Port Huron Northern 54, Fraser 42
Non-Qualifier Round
Madison Heights Madison 58, Hazel Park 45
St. Clair Shores South Lake 55, Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 36
Sterling Heights 54, Warren Fitzgerald HS 29
Red/White Division Consolation Semifinal
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 53, Romeo 50
New Haven 52, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 48
Red/White Division Semifinal
Macomb Dakota 80, Utica Ford 60
Silver/Bronze Division Semifinal
Marine City 65, Warren Lincoln 62

Tuesday's girls scores
Adrian Madison 69, Ann Arbor Central Academy 14
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 54, St. Catherine 45
Allendale 49, Coopersville 47, 2OT
Almont 39, Imlay City 37
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 42, Monroe 16
Auburn Hills Avondale 49, North Farmington 38
Battle Creek Harper Creek 52, Coldwater 28
Battle Creek Pennfield 50, Hastings 36
Beaverton 40, Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 36
Bedford 53, Carleton Airport 41
Benzie Central 53, Buckley 19
Berkley 44, Farmington 38
Berrien Springs 48, St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic 46, OT
Big Rapids 45, Remus Chippewa Hills 26
Birmingham Seaholm 48, Pontiac Northern 24
Blissfield 51, Hillsdale 26
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 61, Madison Heights Madison 27
Bloomingdale 40, Decatur 35
Boyne City 57, Harbor Springs 19
Bronson 42, Jonesville 35
Brooklyn Columbia Central 66, Erie-Mason 23
Buchanan 56, Allegan 41
Burton Madison 60, New Standard 7
Byron Center 62, Zeeland West 32
Caledonia 45, Grandville 32
Calhoun Christian 42, Sturgis 36
Cedar Springs 32, Greenville 14
Central Lake 51, Fife Lake Forest Area 41
Centreville 48, Mendon 29
Charlevoix 61, Grayling 40
Cheboygan 50, Mackinaw City 32
Chelsea 64, Tecumseh 48
Chesaning 52, Saginaw Arts and Science 45
Coloma 54, Dowagiac Union 33
Colon 46, Battle Creek St. Philip 19
Concord 54, Homer 33
Covert 23, Battle Creek Academy 20
Croswell-Lexington 57, Richmond 15
Davison 66, Bay City Central 57, OT
DeWitt 55, Grand Ledge 38
Dearborn Heights Robichaud 53, Detroit Pershing 45
Delton Kellogg 44, Lake Odessa Lakewood 39
Detroit Community 33, Detroit University Science 23
Detroit Edison(DEPSA) 73, Flint Carman-Ainsworth 50
Dexter 65, Pinckney 36
East Kentwood 61, Grand Haven 40
East Lansing 59, Saginaw Heritage 28
Edwardsburg 51, St. Joseph 33
Engadine 45, Newberry 35
Ferndale University 61, Pontiac A&T 26
Flint Powers 57, Saginaw Arthur Hill 45
Frankenmuth 57, Caro 48
Frankfort 61, Suttons Bay 31
Fremont 53, Howard City Tri-County 32
Garden City 43, New Boston Huron 38
Gaylord St. Mary 47, Johannesburg-Lewiston 37
Gobles 39, Niles Brandywine 33
Grand Rapids Catholic Central 41, Spring Lake 28
Grand Rapids Christian 55, Wayland Union 34
Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 63, Wyoming Lee 8
Grand Rapids South Christian 43, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 21
Grand Rapids West Catholic 52, Comstock Park 36
Grand River Prep 53, Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 43
Grand Traverse Academy 54, Charlton Heston 27
Grandville Calvin Christian 44, Wyoming Godwin Heights 39
Grass Lake 62, Adrian Lenawee Christian 57, 2OT
Gwinn 51, Iron Mountain 36
Hamilton 52, Hudsonville Unity Christian 39
Hemlock 41, Ithaca 39
Holt 56, Lansing Waverly 35
Hopkins 55, Belding 38
Hudsonville 64, Holland West Ottawa 36
Jackson Northwest 50, Marshall 43
Kalamazoo Central 57, Stevensville Lakeshore 37
Kalkaska 42, East Jordan 31
Kelloggsville 40, Holland 27
Kingsford 54, Gladstone 38
Kingsley 67, Leland 28
Laingsburg 55, Fulton-Middleton 15
Lake Fenton 66, Olivet 42
Lake Leelanau St. Mary 46, Traverse City Home School 17
Linden 42, Montrose 24
Livonia Clarenceville 46, Bloomfield Hills Roeper 38
Ludington 48, Whitehall 30
Macomb Dakota 56, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 33
Madison Heights Bishop Foley 57, Warren Lincoln 16
Maple City Glen Lake 74, Onekama 43
Marcellus 37, Cassopolis 26
Marine City Cardinal Mooney 48, Kimball New Life Christian 41
Marquette 75, Negaunee 72
Martin 53, Watervliet 33
Mason 59, Eaton Rapids 46
Mattawan 56, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 35
Menominee 70, Escanaba 50
Merrill 33, Sanford-Meridian 26
Michigan Center 56, Williamston 26
Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 69, Wyoming 47
Midland 63, Traverse City West 37
Midland Dow 45, Lapeer 19
Milan 51, Petersburg Summerfield 36
Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 46, Clinton 17
Montague 40, Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 37
Morley-Stanwood 54, Evart 39
Morrice 56, Ashley 16
Mount Morris 69, Burton Atherton 24
Mount Pleasant 34, Bay City Western 29
Muskegon Mona Shores 36, Jenison 34
New Buffalo 46, Bridgman 29
New Haven 47, Warren Michigan Collegiate 28
Newaygo 45, Grant 38
Niles 52, Battle Creek Lakeview 45
North Muskegon 44, Hesperia 42
Norway 64, Eben Junction Superior Central 19
Oak Park 46, Ferndale 14
Okemos 64, Lansing Everett 42
Onaway 62, Pellston 13
Onsted 57, Dundee 26
Ovid-Elsie 40, Webberville 15
Parma Western 58, Jackson Lumen Christi 42
Paw Paw 46, Comstock 42, OT
Perry 48, Owosso 35
Plainwell 46, Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 45
Plymouth Christian 52, Lansing Christian 45
Portage Central 54, Battle Creek Central 37
Portage Northern 53, Watervliet 33
Portage Northern 65, Richland Gull Lake 64, 3OT
Quincy 50, Union City 27
Redford Thurston 52, Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart 20
Rochester 46, Warren Mott 27
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 56, Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 22
Saginaw Nouvel 60, St. Louis 7
Saginaw Valley Lutheran 44, Millington 37
Saline 58, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 16
Sand Creek 60, Vandercook Lake Jackson 45
Sandusky 40, Brown City 35, 2OT
Saranac 38, Bath 34
Schoolcraft 69, Constantine 35
Shepherd 59, Vestaburg 38
Southfield Christian 70, Lutheran Westland 38
Springport 50, Reading 35
St. Charles 42, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 35
St. Clair Shores Lakeview 57, Oxford 25
St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran 35, Benton Harbor 33
Standish-Sterling 66, Gladwin 28
Stanton Central Montcalm 57, Reed City 45
Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 37, Warren Woods Tower 28
Summit Academy North 53, Redford Union 26
Taylor Prep 49, Dearborn Heights Star International 27
Traverse City St. Francis 47, Elk Rapids 36
Trenton 47, Taylor 28
Troy Athens 60, Rochester Adams 55
Ubly 46, Marlette 31
Unionville-Sebewaing 40, Bad Axe 38
Utica Eisenhower 53, Macomb Lutheran North 46
Vermontville Maple Valley 39, Bellevue 31
Warren Regina 41, Royal Oak Shrine 39
Waterford Mott 54, South Lyon East 48
Waterford Our Lady 62, Detroit Country Day 36
Watersmeet 48, Wakefield-Marenisco 40
West Bloomfield 56, Royal Oak 26
Westwood 59, West Iron County 38
White Pigeon 46, Hartford 35
Whitmore Lake 49, Melvindale 32
Wyoming Potter's House Christian 39, Grand Rapids Wellspring 25
Zeeland East 46, Holland Christian 42
Zion Christian 58, Wyoming West Michigan Lutheran 26

NBA

Monday's Games
Phila. 129, Atlanta 112
Orlando 115, Brooklyn 113
Milwaukee 137, Washington 134, OT
Cleveland 125, Miami 119, OT
Houston 123, New York 112
Dallas 139, Minnesota 123
Phoenix 131, Utah 111
L.A. Clippers 124, Memphis 97
Tuesday's Games
Indiana 119, Charlotte 80
Milwaukee 108, Toronto 97
Oklahoma City 124, Chicago 122
Denver 115, Detroit 98
Boston at Portland
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers
Sacramento at Golden State
Today's Games
Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Phila. at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

Monday's Game
Columbus 4, Ottawa 3, OT
Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 4, San Jose 2
Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 3
Dallas 4, Carolina 1
Vancouver 4, Montreal 3, OT
N.Y. Rangers 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
Calgary 5, Boston 2
Washington 4, Winnipeg 3, SO
New Jersey 4, Detroit 1
Minnesota 5, Columbus 4
Nashville 3, Ottawa 2
St. Louis 6, Chicago 5
Florida 2, Arizona 1
Edmonton at Anaheim
Today's Games
Buffalo at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NO. 24 MICHIGAN ST. 78, NO. 18 IOWA 70

IOWA (19-9)
Kriener 7-12 2-2 18, Garza 8-21 4-7 20, C.McCaffery 4-8 1-2 11, Toussaint 2-5 0-0 5, Wieskamp 1-8 2-2 4, Evelyn 3-7 2-2 9, Pemsl 1-3 1-3 3. Totals 26-65 12-18 70.
MICHIGAN ST. (19-9)
Bingham 2-2 0-0 4, Henry 5-10 6-8 17, Tillman 2-4 2-4 6, Watts 9-17 1-1 21, Winston 5-9 6-8 20, Hall 2-5 0-0 4, Ahrens 0-1 2-2 2, Kithier 1-2 0-0 2, Brown 0-2 0-0 0, Marble 1-2 0-0 2, Loyer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-54 17-23 78.
Halftime—Iowa 33-27. 3-Point Goals—Iowa 6-27 (Kriener 2-4, C.McCaffery 2-5, Toussaint 1-2, Evelyn 1-5, Garza 0-5, Wieskamp 0-5), Michigan St. 7-20 (Winston 4-5, Watts 2-7, Henry 1-4, Ahrens 0-1, Hall 0-1, Brown 0-2). Fouled Out—Kriener. Rebounds—Iowa 37 (Garza 9), Michigan St. 31 (Henry, Tillman, Hall 6). Assists—Iowa 14 (C.McCaffery 7), Michigan St. 19 (Winston 9). Total Fouls—Iowa 21, Michigan St. 18. A—14,797 (16,280).

Tuesday's men's scores
SOUTH
Auburn 67, Mississippi 58
Davidson 74, La Salle 49
Dayton 62, George Mason 55
Georgia Tech 68, Clemson 59
Mississippi St. 80, Alabama 73
North Carolina 85, NC State 79
Wake Forest 113, Duke 101, 2OT
MIDWEST
Ball St. 71, W. Michigan 61
Bowling Green 78, Akron 60
Iowa St. 65, TCU 59
Kent St. 74, Miami (Ohio) 61
Loyola of Chicago 64, Drake 60
Michigan St. 78, Iowa 70
N. Illinois 73, E. Michigan 71
Ohio 80, Buffalo 69
Toledo 93, Cent. Michigan 81
Valparaiso 89, Missouri St. 74
Xavier 78, DePaul 67
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 85, Kansas St. 66
Kentucky 69, Texas A&M 60
Oklahoma 65, Texas Tech 51
SMU 58, Memphis 53
Tulsa 62, Tulane 57
FAR WEST
Nevada 73, Wyoming 68

SPARTANS

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the second half and his team did, too. He made a 3-pointer on a designed play 30 seconds into the half and set up Tillman for a go-ahead basket in the lane midway through the half.

"What I'm looking for (Winston) to do is take over games," Izzo said. "And in the second half, he took the game over and that was pretty cool to see."

Henry put the Spartans ahead for good at the free throw line with 4:17 left. They held onto a late lead after wasting one in the final minutes of their last home game against the Terrapins.

INJURY REPORT

Iowa guard CJ Fredrick, who averages 10.7 points, missed his third straight game with an ankle injury.

"I think CJ will be ready Saturday," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said.

BLOCK MARK

Tillman's second blocked shot of the game with 1:11 left against Garza gave the junior 147 for his career, surpassing the Michigan State record set by Matt Costello in 2016.

"What a great way to do it because Garza is really, really good," said Izzo, adding he is pushing for Tillman to win the Big Ten's defensive player of the year award.

QUIET NIGHT

Hawkeyes guard Joe Wieskamp, who averages nearly 15 points to trail only Garza, had just five points on 2 of 5 shooting.

"He struggled shooting and scoring, yeah," McCaffery said. "In fairness to him, he took good shots that were open and he was defended well."

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Spartans have an opportunity to make a big jump in the poll if they can also beat the ninth-ranked and first-place Terrapins on the road this week. The Hawkeyes will have a chance to hold their position if they can bounce back with a win over No. 16 Penn State.

BIG PICTURE

Iowa: Garza can't do it alone if the Hawkeyes are going to have a successful season and he had help at Michigan State with Kriener and McCaffery scoring in double digits.

Michigan State: Watts and Henry contributed offensively, an encouraging sign for a team that needs more than just Winston and Tillman to score.

"With Cash down and X (Tillman) out, I needed to be the guy to make something happen," Watts said.

UP NEXT

Iowa: Hosts No. 16 Penn State on Saturday.

Michigan State: Plays at Maryland on Saturday night.

COMBINE

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So, no reservations about playing for the Bengals.

"I'll play for whoever drafts me," Burrow said. "I'm just not going to be presumptuous about what they want to do. It's the draft. You guys have been covering it for a long time. You never know what's going to happen."

So, he's all-in on Cincinnati should the Bengals call his name on draft night?

"Yeah, of course I want to be the first pick," he said. "That's every kid's dream. I've worked really, really hard for the opportunity and I'm blessed to be in this position. So I'm just really excited to be in this position."

Elway was the top overall selection in the 1983 draft, the vanguard of the greatest quarterback class in NFL history, but he didn't want to play in Baltimore and the Colts traded him to Denver, where he won two Super Bowls as a player and another as an executive.

Something similar transpired in 2004 when Manning was selected first overall by the San Diego Chargers but was quickly traded to the New York Giants, where he twice beat Tom Brady in the Super Bowl.

Elway spent four years searching for Peyton Manning's replacement in Denver before landing Drew Lock, so this marks the first offseason since 2015 that he isn't spending a lot of time on the QB prospects such as Burrow.

Instead, he's looking at the deep class of wide receivers that punctuate this year's rookie class.

Elway already has a Pro Bowl receiver in Courtland Sutton and a rising star tight end in Noah Fant. But nowadays teams have to load up at wide receiver and this year brings a wealth of talented pass catchers to choose from.

"Oh, I think this is one of the best groups since Odell's group," Colorado wide receiver Laviska Shenault said in comparing this year's crop to the one in 2014 that featured first-rounders Odell Beckham Jr., Sammy Watkins, Mike Evans, Brandin Cooks and Kelvin Benjamin.

In addition to Shenault, this year's group features Alabama's Jerry Jeudy and Henry Ruggs III, Oklahoma's CeeDee Lamb, LSU's Justin Jefferson, Arizona State's Brandon Aiyuk and Clemson's Tee Higgins.

"I think we're talented across the board," Shenault said. "I think we check a lot of boxes. I think this class is going to do great things. It's definitely going to be a legendary class."

FUNNY GUY

Burrow won't participate in on-field drills at the combine, but he is enjoying the process and the interviews. He jokingly tweeted he was considering retirement when his hand size was measured at a smallish 9 inches at the combine.

"I didn't have a

hp FOOD

A pair of brownie recipes from Zehnder's Snowfest

Photo provided

The James Beard Foundation recently named Zehnder's of Frankenmuth one of its America's Classics Awards honorees.

Zehnder's was on my mind last week.

First, an email popped up in my inbox from the James Beard Foundation announcing Zehnder's of Frankenmuth as one of its 2020 America's Classics Awards honorees.

Jane Ammeson

The award is given to locally owned restaurants with timeless appeal that are beloved regionally for their quality food, reflective of the character of their communities.

It all started when William Zehnder Sr. and his wife, Emilie, bought a former hotel in 1928. Today, the restaurant – part of a complex, run by third- and fourth-generation family members – includes a hotel, waterpark and golf course. It can accommodate 1,500 guests, and brings in close to 1 million people each year.

People come for family-style meals of crisp-skinned fried chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, liver pate, cranberry relish, cottage cheese and more – all replenished until diners are ready for a scoop of sherbet with a paper American flag planted alongside the maraschino cherry.

I've been to Zehnder's, and was very impressed with the quality of their food despite the large size of the restaurant.

See **AMMESON**, page B5

Scouting for cookie pairings

Locals match beers and wines with complementary Girl Scout cookies

By JANE AMMESON
HP Correspondent

Photo provided / Lazy Ballerina Winery

For the last few years, Lazy Ballerina Winery in downtown St. Joseph has paired its wines with Girl Scout cookies. This year's pairings included Cabernet Franc with Caramel deLites and Cavalier with Peanut Butter Patties.

It's not my mother's Girl Scouts anymore when it comes to selling cookies. It's not even mine.

Today's Girl Scouts are hitting the road, setting up tables in front of stores, at events and even partnering with local breweries to sell their cookies.

"Three years ago, a local Girl Scout and her mother asked if she could setup shop here on weekends, and we've been doing it ever since," says Derek Somers, assistant manager at Silver Harbor Brewing Company in St. Joseph. "People bought a ton of cookies from them, more when they were leaving here than when they were coming in."

This year, though, the folks at Silver Harbor decided to mix it up. Instead of the Girls Scouts selling cookies directly to their customers, the brewery bought cases and cases of cookies, and had their brewmaster, Christian Cook, create six beer pairings for six Girl Scout cookie varieties.

"Our Kumbaya Brown Ale, with its roasted marshmallow undertones, matches perfectly with the S'mores cookies," Somers says. "It's our flagship beer."

Other offerings include Golden Ticket Chocolate Stout and its semisweet chocolate notes paired with the richness of Peanut Butter Patties; the tropical tastes of apricot, melon and papaya found in Lucky Sevens matched with Lemonades, a rich shortbread covered with zesty lemon icing; and caramel flavors in Caramel DeLites and Wobbly Traveler Scotch Ale – as well as a touch of coconut – create another outstanding duo.

However, just as Thin Mints are typically the bestselling Girl Scout cookie, Cook's Cookie Monsta Stout seemed to be the favorite the day I was taking notes at Silver Harbor.

"It's just like eating the cookie," Leticia Salgado told me after taking a sip of the Cookie Monsta Stout. "I love Thin Mints, and this tastes just like that."

Salgado, who with her husband, Orlando, had driven from their home in Chicago to check out the wineries and breweries in downtown St. Joseph, had also heard of the new marketing of Girl Scout cookies.

"I read that (Girl Scouts) also set up by CBD and cannabis shops and make a lot of money," Orlando said.

The cookie-and-beer tasting is an ongoing event at Silver Harbor, but it was a one-night event on Saturday at Silver Lakes Brewing Company in Dowagiac. They hosted a pairing in support of Edwardsburg Girl Scout Troop 30776.

"We did the shortbread cookies with a porter, the Caramel DeLites with a lemon shandy, Thin Mints with our Coffee Brown Ale, the Chocolate Milk Stout with the Peanut Butter Patties and the Lemonades with a juicy style IPA," says Brenda Boyd of Sister Lakes Brewing Company. "It was our first year doing it, and it was so popular we're definitely doing it again next year."

Girl Scout cookies aren't just for beer drinkers. During cookie season, Lazy Ballerina Winery in St. Joseph pairs their wines with the cookies.

"The four pairings we did this year were Cabernet Franc with Caramel deLites; our Cavalier, a dry red wine, with Peanut Butter Patties or Tagalongs; Peach Wine with Shortbread or Trefoils; and our Single & Ready to Mingle Sangria with the Lemonades," winery co-founder Lauren Kniebes says. "We've also done our Oaked Chardonnay in the past with the Peanut Butter Sandwiches or Do-si-dos, which is a delicious pairing."

Elizabeth Glenn, a holistic practitioner and owner of Relax Me Well, was challenged by her daughter, Brianne Butler, to do live Facebook feeds pairing wine and cookies. Butler is a Girl Scout troop leader, and her daughter, Victoria Butler, is a member of the troop.

Glenn knew wine and cookies when it came to drinking and eating, but she didn't know much about pairing cookies and wines.

So she went to Pinterest, which has a lot of suggestions on the subject. Glenn decided to put her faith in a chart created by a former Girl Scout troop leader.

"I liked it because I figured she knew a lot about cookies," says Glenn, who lives in Bridgman.

Concerned that Thin Mints, her favorite cookie growing up, would overwhelm the pinot noir, she decided they actually worked well together as did the pinot grigio and Lemonades, and Shortbread and chardonnay. Not so tasty was the combination of the cabernet sauvignon and the Peanut Butter Patties.

"Good wine and good cookie," she says, "just not together."

Girl Scout cookies aren't always available. So if you get hooked on a pairing, here are some homemade versions of the favorites.

Jane Ammeson / HP correspondent

Derek Somers, assistant manager at Silver Harbor Brewing Company, holds one of the craft beer and Girl Scout cookie pairings they offer.

Samoa Cookie Bar

Makes 16 bars.

For the shortbread:

1 cup flour
1/4 cup sugar
6 tablespoons butter, diced
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon water, if needed

For the toppings:

2 cups coconut
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons butter
25 Kraft Caramels, wrappers removed
9 ounces semisweet chocolate chips

Heat an oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-by-9-inch pan with parchment paper, leaving some sticking above the sides of the pan to lift the bars out later.

Add the flour, sugar, butter, vanilla extract and water to a bowl, and mix on slow until it comes together and forms a ball. You can also use a food processor and pulse the ingredients until they form a ball.

Press the dough evenly into the bottom of the pan.

Bake for 15 minutes, or until the edges are lightly browned. Remove from the oven, and set aside to cool completely.

Spread the coconut onto a baking sheet covered with parchment paper. Bake at 350 degrees for about 5 minutes, or until lightly toasted. Set aside to cool.

When crust is cool, put water, butter and caramels into a medium-sized pot on medium heat. Allow everything to melt, stirring often so the mixture doesn't boil.

Add about 1 1/2 cups of the toasted coconut, and mix together.

Spread the caramel mixture evenly over the shortbread, pressing it into an even layer.

Sprinkle the remaining toasted coconut over the caramel mixture, and press into the caramel.

Allow the caramel to fully cool, about an hour. Remove from the pan, and cut into bars.

Melt about 5 ounces of the chocolate chips in a small bowl in the microwave, heating in 30 second increments until melted.

Dip the bottoms of each bar into the chocolate, then wipe excess of on the side of the bowl. You don't want it to be a real thick layer of chocolate, just a light coating. Places bars on parchment paper to dry.

Melt remaining chocolate chips and drizzle it over the tops of the bars.

Allow chocolate to cool and harden.

– Recipe from lifeloveandsugar.com

Thin Mints

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup granulated sugar

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BREAKFASTS AND BANQUETS

Wings: American Legion Post 331, 4241 Legion St., Bridgman, will hold a wing night from 5-7:30 p.m. today. Cost varies. Each meal includes celery, and barbecue, ranch, blue cheese or hot sauce.

Burgers: American Legion Post 518, 4789 Weechik Road, New Troy, will have a hamburger night from 5-8 p.m. today. Cost is $5 for a burger, fries, salad and dessert. Cost is $6 for a burger, onion rings, salad and dessert. Cost is $3.50 for salad and dessert only.

Burgers and taco salad: The Van Buren Sportsmen's Club, 54630 County Road 687, Hartford, will serve dinner from 5-8 p.m. today. Burgers start at $3. Taco salads start at $5.75. For more information, call 621-3994 after 2 p.m.

Burgers and brats: The D.A.N.K., 2651 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, will serve burgers for $3, brats for $1.50, hot dogs and sides from 6-8 p.m. today. Drink specials will be available.

Burgers: American Legion Post 105, 1645 Paw Paw Ave., Benton Harbor, will hold a burger night from 5-8 p.m. Thursday. A 1/3-pound burger and fries starts at $4.25.

Fish fry: The Van Buren Sportsmen's Club, 54630 County Road 687, Hartford, will hold a fish fry from 5-8 p.m. Friday. The menu includes fish, chicken and shrimp. Prices begin at $7.50. Salad bar is included. For more information, call 621-3994 after 2 p.m.

Breakfasts and Banquets appears each Wednesday in Food. The deadline is the preceding Wednesday at noon. Civic groups sponsoring fund-raising meals, classes or other food-related events should send information in writing to: Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; fax to 429-4398 or email to focus@TheHP.com.

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Elizabeth Glenn took the challenge issued by her daughter, Brianne Butler, and granddaughter, Victoria, shown here, to pair Girl Scout cookies with wine.

COOKIES

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5 tablespoons shortening, or 2 1/2 ounces butter, at room temperature
1 large egg plus 1 large egg yolk, at room temperature
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons peppermint extract (depending on how minty you like your Thin Mints)
Powdered sugar, for dusting
12 to 16 ounces semisweet chocolate, finely chopped

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

In the bowl of a stand mixer, or in a large bowl with an electric mixer, beat together the sugar and shortening on medium speed until creamy and well combined, about 1 minute. If you're using shortening, the mixture won't become as light and fluffy as when you beat sugar with butter. That's OK.

Reduce the speed to medium-low and add first the egg, then the egg yolk, beating well after each addition. Beat in the vanilla and peppermint extract.

Slowly add the flour mixture and beat until just combined. The dough will be pretty sticky.

Lightly coat the cookie dough, your hands and a piece of parchment paper with powdered sugar. Shape the dough into a disk and place it on the parchment paper. (If the dough is too sticky to shape into a disk, put it in the fridge for 30 minutes and it'll be more manageable.)

Wrap the disk of cookie dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, at least 30 minutes and up to overnight.

Heat the oven to 350 degrees, and adjust the oven racks to the middle and upper third positions. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

Roll out the dough on the parchment until it's 1/8- to 1/4-inch thick. Depending on how long the dough was in the refrigerator, you may need to let the dough sit at room temperature a little so it's soft enough to roll it out.

Using a 1 1/2-inch round cutter, cut out cookies from the dough and place them 1/2-inch apart on the prepared baking sheets. Reroll any scraps, and cut out more cookies. Place the baking sheets in the freezer for about 15 minutes.

Bake the Thin Mints straight from the freezer, switching the baking sheets from top to bottom and front to back halfway through, until dry and crisp and firm around the edges, anywhere from 10 to 18 minutes, depending on how thick your cookies are.

Let the cookies cool slightly on the baking sheets and then transfer them to wire racks to cool completely. The cookies will crisp as they cool.

To make the chocolate glaze: Meanwhile, in a double boiler or a heatproof bowl set over but not touching a pan of gently simmering water, heat 2/3 of the chocolate until it melts and registers 115 degrees on a candy thermometer.

Stir in the remaining chocolate and let it sit, without stirring, over the water for 5 minutes. Then stir to combine. Remove the pan from the heat, and let the chocolate cool to 90 degrees.

Submerge a cookie in the melted chocolate glaze, and use a fork to turn it to coat all sides. Remove the cookie from the chocolate glaze, and shake off any excess chocolate. Place the cookie on a piece of parchment paper.

Repeat with the remaining cookies and chocolate glaze, reheating the chocolate as needed to maintain it as close to 90 degrees as possible.

Let the cookies rest, undisturbed, until the chocolate glaze has set, at least 30 minutes. In theory, the cookies will keep, layered between sheets of parchment paper in an airtight container, for up to 1 week.

– Recipe from Leite's Culinaria

AMMESON

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Shortly after reading the foundation's announcement, I saw Betty Timmreck's email telling me she and Carole Skibbe of Eau Claire had competed in Zehnder's All Things Chocolate Recipe Contest, which was part of their annual Snowfest.

For once, neither Betty or Carole placed. But, accompanied by their husbands, they had a great time.

Here are their recipes:

Betty Timmreck's Frosted Mint Brownies

For the batter:

1 cup brown sugar
4 tablespoons butter, unsalted
4 eggs
2 tablespoons dark cocoa
4 tablespoons half and half
1 1/3 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon mint extract
3 cups chocolate mint chips
1/2 cup chopped pecans

For the frosting:

1/2 cup buttered-flavored shortening
1/4 cup butter, unsalted
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 pound powdered sugar
1/4 cup half and half
1 tablespoon dark cocoa
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
Fresh mint, for garnish

To make the batter: In a mixing bowl, mix the sugar with the butter. Add the eggs one at a time.

In a small bowl, mix the dark cocoa with the half and half. Gradually add to the sugar-butter mixture.

Sift the dry ingredients into a bowl. Gradually add this mixture. Mix until well blended.

Add the vanilla, mint extract, chocolate mint chips and pecans. Mix until just blended.

Pour the batter into a 9-by-13-inch baking dish, and bake at 350 degrees until done.

Remove from oven, let cool, then cut into squares.

For the frosting: Mix the shortening and butter until blended. Add the salt. Gradually add the powdered sugar.

In a small bowl, mix the half and half with the cocoa until blended, and add to the mixing bowl. Add the vanilla.

Mix for several minutes until fluffy. Frost each brownie square and garnish with fresh mint.

Carole Skibbe's Black Walnut Cheesecake Brownies

For the brownie layer:

1/4 cup butter, cubed
1/2 cup granulated sugar
3 tablespoons baking cocoa
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 large egg, at room temperature
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/8 teaspoon baking powder
1/8 teaspoon salt

For the cheesecake layer:

3/4 cup black walnuts, chopped into small pieces
3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips, melted and cooled
2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 large eggs, lightly beaten

For the ganache:

1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

For prep: Chop the walnuts into small pieces and set aside. Measure the chocolate chips for the cheesecake layer because they need to be melted and cooled.

Heat an oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-by-13 inch pan with foil, letting it extend over the sides. Grease the foil.

For the brownie layer: In a microwave, melt the butter in a large bowl. Stir in the sugar, cocoa and vanilla. Add the egg, and blend well. Add the flour, baking powder and salt, and stir just until combined.

Spread in a thin layer into the prepared pan. Bake until top appears dry, 6 to 8 minutes.

For the cheesecake layer: In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Beat in the cooled chocolate chips. Add beaten eggs.

Beat on low speed just until combined. Spread over brownie layer. Sprinkle the chopped walnuts over the cheesecake layer. Bake until filling is set, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes on a wire rack.

For the ganache: Place chocolate chips in a small bowl. In a saucepan, bring cream just to a boil. Pour over chocolate, let stand for 5 minutes.

Stir with whisk until smooth. Stir in vanilla. Cool slightly, stirring occasionally. Pour over cheesecake layer.

Cool pan on a wire rack for one hour. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Lifting with the foil, remove the brownies from the pan. Cut into triangles.

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Betty Timmreck holds a platter of her Frosted Mint Brownies.

Photos provided

Carole Skibbe holds a platter of her Black Walnut Cheesecake Brownies.

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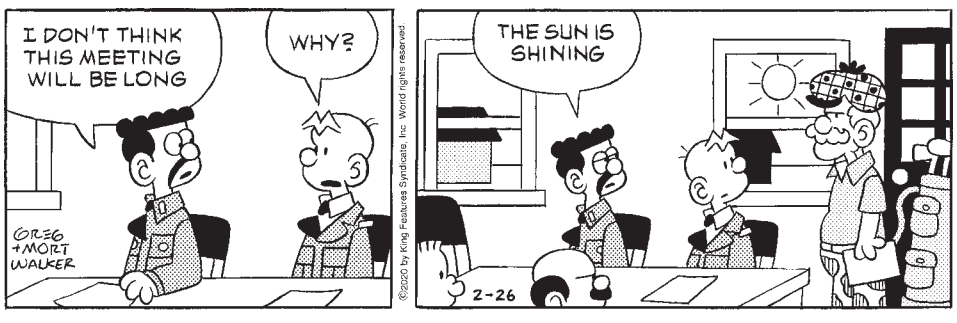
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WHY?
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WHAT'S A GOOD BET FOR LUNCH TODAY, LOU?
I'D SAY GO FOR THE MOST EXPENSIVE ITEM ON THE MENU
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WHAT'S A SAFE BET FOR LUNCH TODAY?
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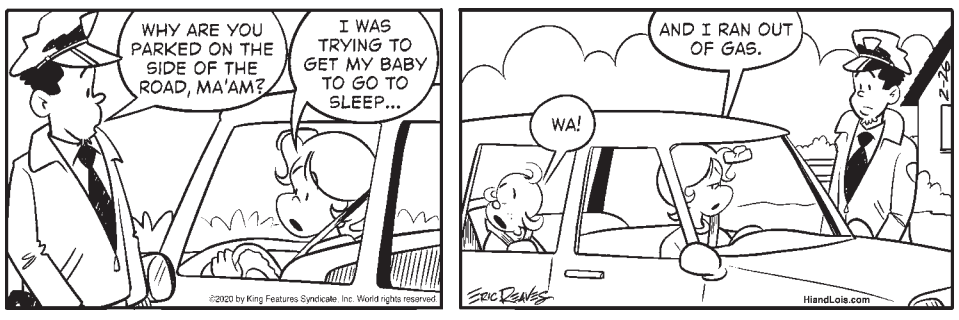
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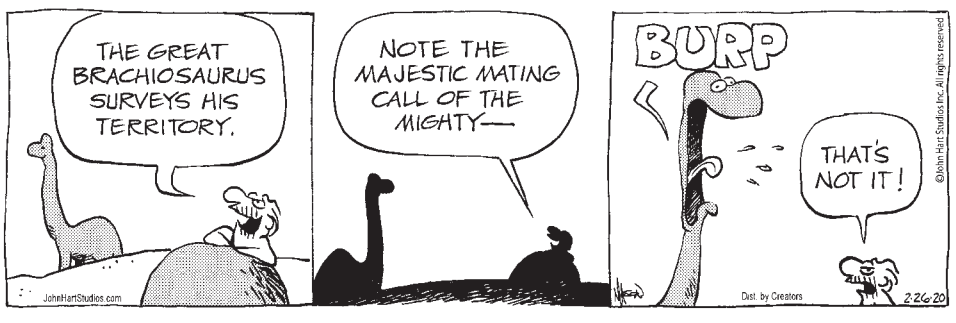

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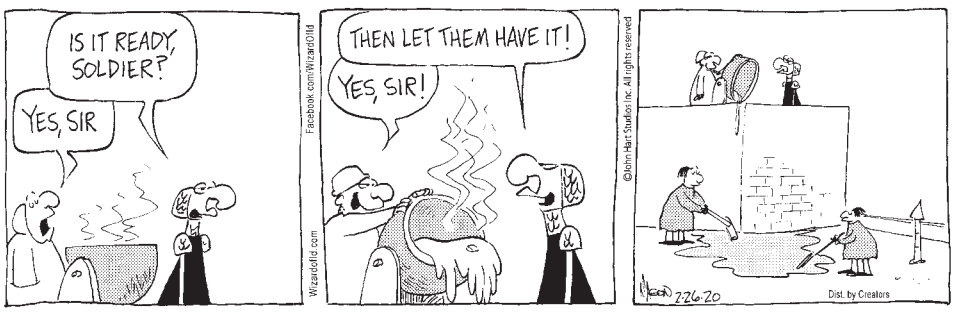

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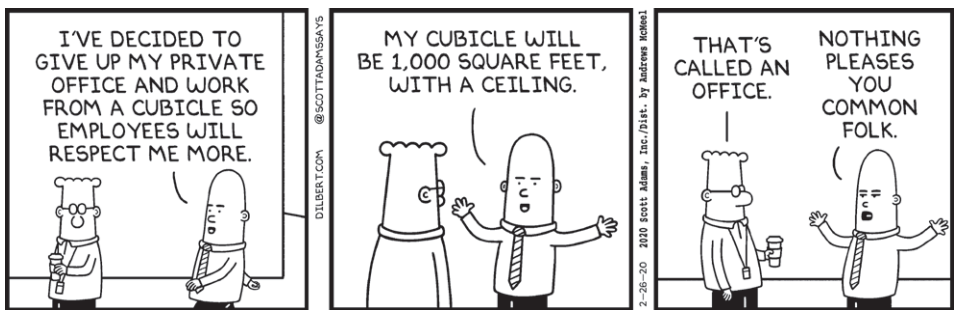
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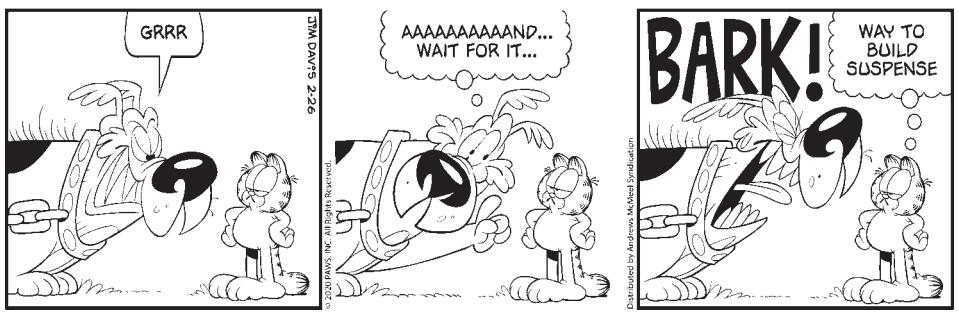

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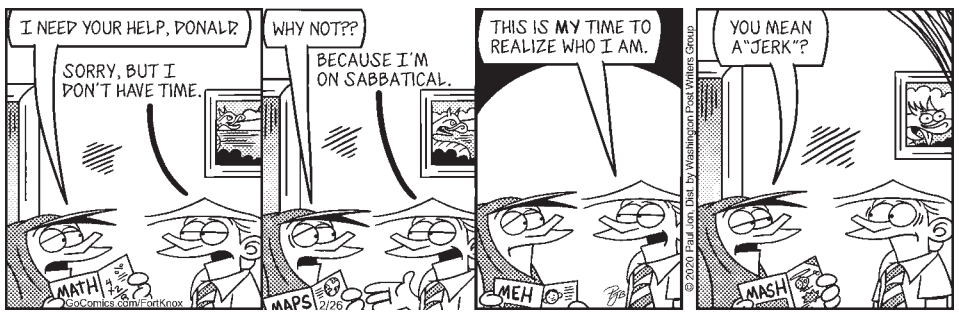

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LIKE THEY SAY, IT'S THE SQUEAKY WHEEL THAT GETS THE GREASE.
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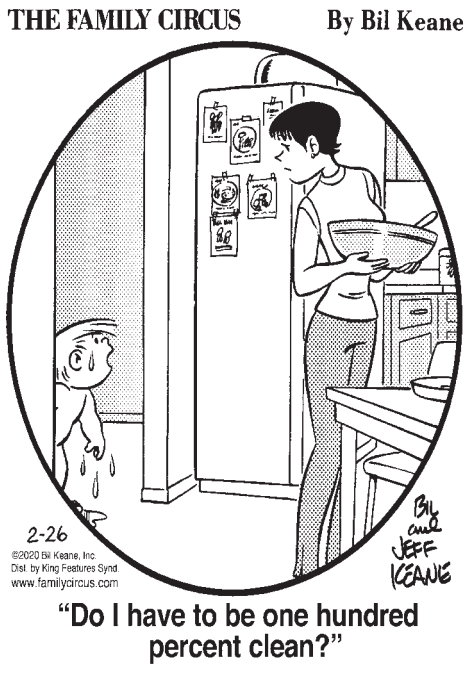

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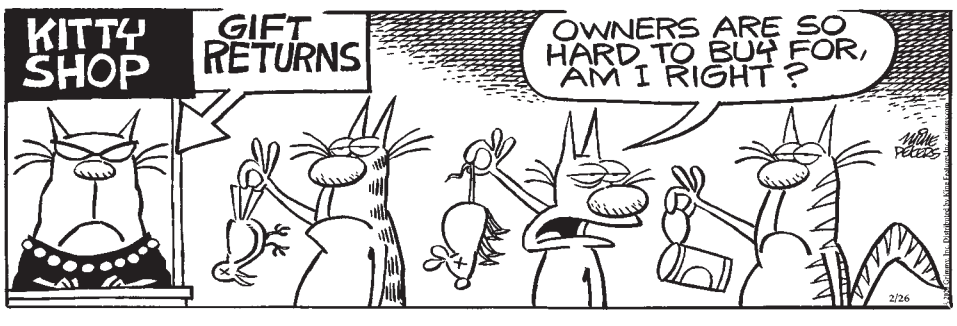
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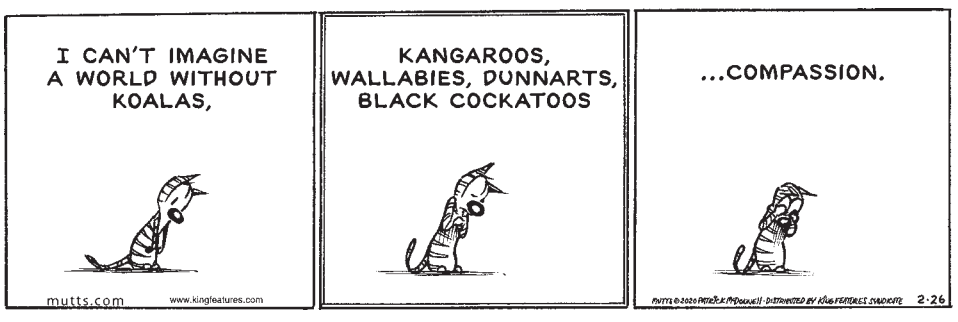

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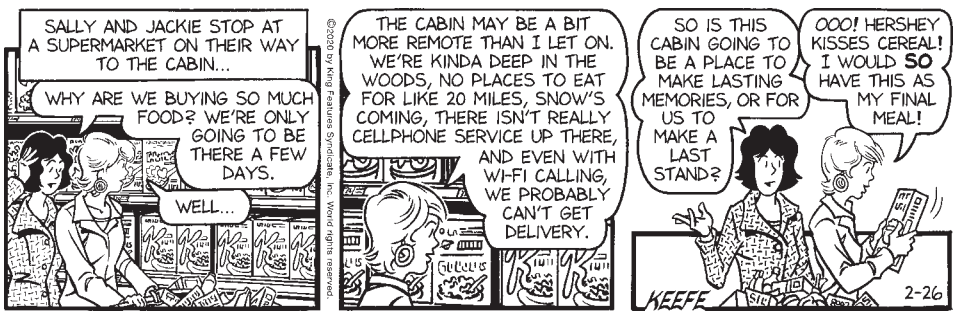
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SO IS THIS CABIN GOING TO BE A PLACE TO MAKE LASTING MEMORIES, OR FOR US TO MAKE A LAST STAND?
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MSNBC's Matthews apologizes for Nazi analogy to Sanders victory

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during a campaign event in San Antonio on Feb. 22.

NEW YORK — MSNBC's Chris Matthews apologized to Bernie Sanders for comparing the Democratic senator's win in the Nevada caucus to the Nazi takeover of France.

Matthews' self-described "bad" analogy deepened the discontent that the presidential candidate and his supporters have been feeling lately toward the cable network, one that is usually friendly territory for liberals.

"Sen. Sanders, I'm sorry for comparing anything from that tragic era in which so many suffered, especially the Jewish people, to an electoral result in which you were the well-deserved winner," Matthews said at the opening of his show, "Hardball," on Monday evening.

He said he'd try to do a better job elevating the debate this campaign season. He made the Nazi remark during his network's coverage of Nevada results on Saturday night.

Even before Matthews' analogy, a report in The New York Post said the Vermont senator had confronted MSNBC's president, Phil Griffin, before the Las Vegas debate last week and said the network had not been fair to his campaign. MSNBC would not comment on the story.

In some respects, it recalls tweets of protest that come from President Donald Trump when he hears things he doesn't like on Fox News Channel, the network where many of his fans congregate. MSNBC has a liberal primetime lineup led by Rachel Maddow, while conservatism reigns at Fox, led by Sean Hannity.

Matthews had said Saturday that he was reminded of a French general reporting to British Prime Minister Winston Churchill that France had fallen to Germany in the summer of 1940.

"Churchill says, 'how can it be over? You've got the greatest army in Europe. How can it be over,'" Matthews said. "He said, 'it's over.'"

Sanders' communications chief, Mike Casca, tweeted that he "never thought part of my job would be pleading with a national news network to stop likening the campaign of a Jewish presidential candidate whose family was wiped out by the Nazis to the third Reich. But here we are."

It wasn't even the only Nazi reference on the network last week. Chuck Todd had earlier read from a commentary in the digital publication The Bulwark that compared Sanders supporters to a "digital brownshirt brigade" that hounded opponents and enforced discipline – much like Trump's.

MSNBC's Nicolle Wallace also commented about how the Sanders campaign, like Trump's, had engaged in the "dark arts" of abusing and bullying the press.

"What do we miss in terms of paying attention to a squeaky, angry minority and ignoring the majority?" she said.

Casca did not immediately return calls seeking comment on other examples of what had set off the campaign. It was notable that at Sanders' victory party in San Antonio on Saturday night, the televisions were tuned to CNN, not MSNBC.

MSNBC contributor Anand Giridharadas commented on the network Sunday that MSNBC and the Democratic power structure are stuck in an old way of thinking and missing what may be going on.

"It is time for all of us to step up, rethink and understand the dawn of what may be a new era in American life," Giridharadas said.

An MSNBC spokesperson said that "we don't owe fawning coverage to a Democratic campaign. We owe fair coverage."

The network may be caught in a situation similar to news networks when Trump took over the Republican Party in 2016 – with a lineup of anchors and contributors light on supporters of the party front-runner and stocked with old hands. Matthews is a veteran commentator and newspaper columnist who was chief of staff to House Speaker Tip O'Neill in the early 1980s. Prime-time host Lawrence O'Donnell was an aide to the late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan in the early 1990s. Wallace was a Republican who worked for President George W. Bush.

A study last fall by the liberal digital magazine In These Times criticized MSNBC for not covering Sanders as much, or as positively, as rivals former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Elizabeth Warren. But at the time, Biden was the presumptive front-runner and Warren was surging, so it's not surprising that conventional wisdom would reflect more positively on those two campaigns.

The Sanders team's discontent with MSNBC didn't prevent campaign manager, Faiz Shakir, from appearing on the network Monday for an interview with Stephanie Ruhle.

When asked by Ruhle about criticism from veteran Democratic strategist James Carville about the Sanders campaign, Shakir showed disdain for the old order.

"I'm not worried about James Carville," Shakir said. "He's a political hack."

FBI official: Russia wants to see U.S. 'tear ourselves apart'

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Russia wants to watch Americans "tear ourselves apart" as the United States heads toward elections, an FBI official warned Monday.

David Porter, an assistant section chief with the FBI's Foreign Influence Task Force, accused Russia of conducting brazen operations aimed at spreading disinformation, exploiting lines of division in society and sowing doubt about the integrity of U.S. elections and the ability of its leaders to govern effectively.

Porter spoke at an election security conference on Capitol Hill just days after conflicting accounts emerged of a closed-door briefing intelligence officials had given to House lawmakers on threats from Russia and other nations in the 2020 election. That briefing focused attention on the possibility that Russia could work to aid President Donald Trump's reelection. Democratic rival Sen. Bernie Sanders has said intelligence officials told him that Russia was looking to boost his candidacy, too.

Porter did not address the briefing or whether Russia had a preference for particular candidates. But he said Russia was generally engaged in "information confrontation" aimed at blurring fact from fiction, eroding American confidence in democratic institutions and driving wedges into society's fracture lines.

"The primary objective is not to create a particular version of the truth but rather to cloud the truth and erode our ability to find it, creating a sentiment that no narrative or news source can be trusted at all," Porter said.

The FBI formed the Foreign Influence Task Force after widespread interference by Russia in the 2016 presidential campaign. The task force was initially intended to focus primarily on Russia, but it also works to counter influence operations – including hacking and more covert methods – from adversaries including China, North Korea and Iran.

U.S. officials see China as an aggressive threat, particularly when it comes to espionage and theft of intellectual property, but Porter said Beijing's goal was less about sowing general chaos in the U.S. and more about promoting and developing its own economic standing in the world.

"To put it simply, in this space, Russia wants to watch us tear ourselves apart, while it seems that China would rather manage our gradual economic decline over the course of generations," Porter said.

Intelligence officials have not commented publicly on the Feb. 13 briefing given to members of the House Intelligence Committee. One intelligence official said lawmakers were not told that Russia was working directly to aid Trump. But other people familiar with the meeting said they were told the Kremlin was looking to help Trump's candidacy. The people spoke on condition of anonymity to discussed the classified briefing.

Carrie Cordero, a former Justice Department national security lawyer, lamented the lack of public information about the briefing and the underlying intelligence, particularly since a recent Senate Intelligence Committee report faulted the Obama administration for not being sufficiently transparent about Russian election interference ahead of the 2016 presidential contest.

She said it remains unclear from the news reporting exactly what message was communicated to the committee.

"What I have really been encouraging is that the government be more forthcoming of information that is more indicative of the current election threats," Cordero said.

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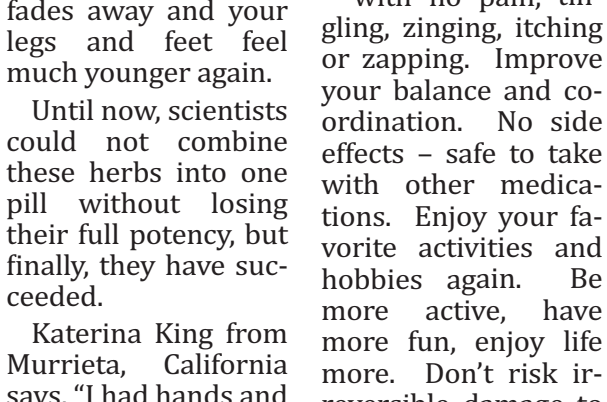
Weird Herb Shocks Doctors With Relief of Leg and Feet Pain, Burning, Tingling, Numbness

6 clinical studies show it is effective. Lost but now re-discovered. Thousands of new users report amazing relief from leg and feet problems in just 30 to 90 days – with no side effects. Available in all 50 states without a prescription.

By Michael Plane — National Health Press

A re-discovery from the 1600s is causing a frenzy within the medical system. A weird herb has been shown in six clinical studies (and by thousands of users) to be very effective for leg and feet pain, burning and numbness – with no side effects – at low cost – and with no doctor visit or prescription needed.



RE-DISCOVERED LEG AND FEET PROBLEM SOLUTION: In Greece in the 1600s, this herb was originally called "horse herb" because it was fed to horses with ailing legs. It has now been re-discovered and is giving soothing comfort to Americans who have leg and feet pain, burning, tingling and numbness.

This weird herb comes from a 12-foot tall tree that grows in Greece and other countries in Europe. In the old days, people noticed that when their horses who had leg and feet problems ate this herb – it was almost like magic how quickly their problems got much better. They called it the "horse herb". Then somehow with Europe's ongoing wars, this herbal secret got lost in time.

"It works for people who've tried many other treatments before with little or no success. Other doctors and I are shocked at how effective it is. It has created a lot of excitement" says Dr. Ryan Shelton, M.D.

Its active ingredient has been put into pill form and improved. It is being offered in the United States under the brand name Veintrex.

WHY ALL THIS EXCITEMENT?

Researchers have found an herb originally from Greece that has been shown in six placebo-controlled medical studies (543 participants) to be effective and safe. This natural compound strengthens blood vessel walls and reduces swelling to stop the pain and suffering.

Poor blood flow in the legs and feet is one of the common problems that develops as we age. Millions of Americans suffer from neuropathy and chronic venous insufficiency (CVI), edema, and other leg/feet problems – millions have these but are undiagnosed.

Today's treatments don't work for a high percentage of people – and they have side effects that make them hard to tolerate or that people do not want to risk. This includes prescription drugs, over the counter pain pills, surgery and compression.

Already popular in Europe, this natural herb is taking America by storm since it was announced last week.

HOW IT WORKS

Here's why you have pain now: Your arteries have weakened. Your arteries can't carry enough blood, nutrients and oxygen down to your legs and feet. This damages your nerves and causes your burning, tingling and numbness.

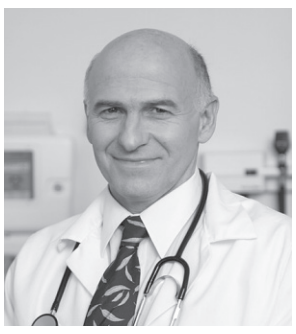
The herbs in the pill Veintrex strengthen your arteries that carry blood, nutrients and oxygen to your feet and legs. It improves your circulation so oxygenated blood goes to the nerves and repairs them. This makes your nerves grow stronger so your pain fades away and your legs and feet feel much younger again.

Until now, scientists could not combine these herbs into one pill without losing their full potency, but finally, they have succeeded.

Katerina King from Murrieta, California says, "I had hands and feet tingling and snapping and burning feeling. It made my life very uncomfortable. I had a hard time walking, my legs felt like they each weighed 50 pounds. Once I got in my car and my feet felt so heavy I couldn't even drive the car. With Veintrex I have no more tingling, cold or burning painful legs and feet. It went away."

WHAT DOCTORS ARE SAYING

"Now I finally have a natural solution I can recommend to my patients who suffer from leg and feet problems and pain. I'm delighted because previous treatments were not effective, but Veintrex has worked for every one of my patients with no side effects" says Dr. Eric Wood, N.D.



Dr. Ryan Shelton, M.D. says "This is new and different. It works for people who've tried many other things before. It is natural with no side effects. Don't give up hope for your leg and feet pain, burning, tingling and numbing. This pill is working for countless people after other treatments have failed them. I highly recommend it."

"Veintrex is a terrific choice for people with leg and feet issues. The clinical trials in support of this herb show it is very effective for safe and fast relief," said Dr. Wood, a Harvard trained doctor who has appeared on award winning TV shows.

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HOW TO GET VEINTREX

This is the official nationwide release of Veintrex in the United States. And so, the company is offering a special discount supply to anyone who calls within the next 48 hours.

A Regional Order Hotline has been set up for local readers to call. This gives everyone an equal chance to try Veintrex.

Starting at 7:00 am today, the order hotline will be open for 48 hours.

All you have to do is call **TOLL-FREE 1-888-387-0524** and provide the operator with the special discount approval code: **VNT143.** The company will do the rest.

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LEGALS

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERRIEN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 2020-0042-DE-M

Estate of:
LeRoy Pearson
Date of Birth:
10/02/1925

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent,
LeRoy Pearson, Jr.
died 08/21/2019.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donald W. Pearson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Attorney:
Katie N. Steffes 70188
4250 Chicago Drive SW, Suite B
Grandville, MI 49418
616-667-2217

Personal Representative:
Donald W. Pearson
1875 Elm Terrace
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
269-861-5212

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERRIEN

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 2020-0153-NC-D

In the matter of: Ryan Morris Robinson

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on April 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph, MI 49085 before Judge Jennifer Smith P56684 for the following purpose: Petition to change name from Ryan Morris Robinson to Michael Morris Robinson.

Date: 2/24/2020

Attorney:
W. Brendan Neal P73923
511 Renaissance Drive, Suite 110
St. Joseph, Michigan 49085
269-983-5777

Petitioner Name:
Ryan Morris Robinson
7604 Red Arrow Highway
Watervliet, MI 49098
269-769-3097

Date: 2/24/2020

A sanitary sewer overflow has occurred and was reported in the area of:
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Township of:
Lake Charter
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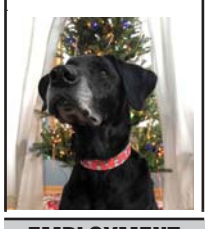

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South Haven, MI.
The City of South Haven is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2020 season:

Seasonal Laborers – Parks & Cemetery Dept. Perform general parks and cemetery maintenance including mowing, trimming, trash pick-up, cleaning facilities and minor repairs. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with a valid Michigan driver's license and a good driving record. Must be available to work day shift hours Monday through Friday with some evenings, weekends and holidays required. The position is seasonal from March through November.

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By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

If you pitch in and help, the returns will be high. What you learn will help you achieve the lifestyle you want. Choose to do things your way and to explore what entices you, but don't jeopardize your reputation, integrity or meaningful relationships. Honesty rules.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you put your time, effort and energy where they count, positive change will take place. Focus on raising your profile, income and standards. Use your talent wisely.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Share only what's necessary. Don't let anyone take credit for something you did on your own. Make lifestyle changes that will ease stress. Stick close to the people you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Participation will encourage new beginnings. Interact with people who are already doing what you want to do. Someone from your past will offer insight and valuable information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep your purchases to a minimum. Focus more on your emotional well-being, moral standards and life circumstances. Romance is in the stars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Ask and you shall receive. Share information and ideas, and join forces with someone who is just as innovative as you are. Don't let personal matters interfere with business.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Travel, learn, explore and make adjustments that encourage you to do your best. Don't follow someone else when you know where you can make the most significant difference.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your quick response and eagerness to get things done will draw onlookers. Don't be shy; show off what you've accomplished. You can have a big impact on others at this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Networking events will lead to interesting encounters. Your open and sophisticated nature will attract people who want to pick your brain. Don't give all your secrets away. Romance is favored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep moving forward until you are satisfied with the results you get. Your drive, passion and power of persuasion will work wonders when you want something.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Travel, new adventures and personal gains are prominent, but don't go overbudget. Choose self-improvement over excessive behavior. Romance is encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep your distance from those who are difficult to get along with or who tend to put demands or pressure on you. Keep your life simple, your spending down and your opinions to yourself.

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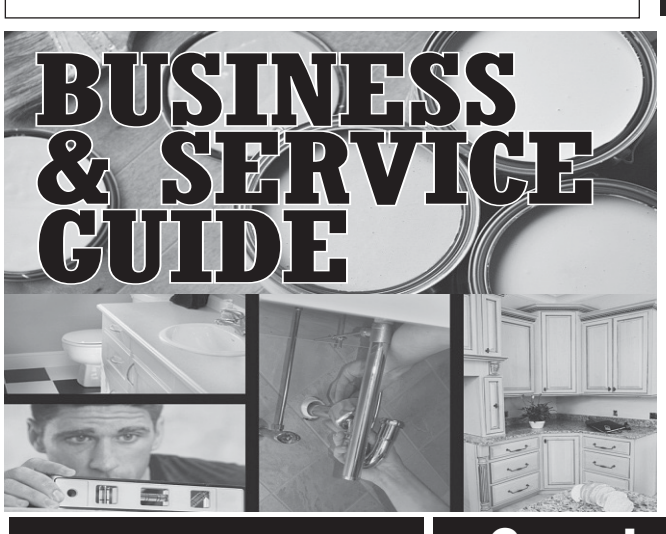

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CASCO TOWNSHIP
FOR THE MARCH 10, 2020
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

A Primary Presidential Election will be conducted on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The last day to register in any manner other then in person with the casco clerk was February 24, 2020. Persons may register now until March 10, 2020 as late as 8:00pm on election day, in person only, with the local clerk or deputy clerk, with proof of residency.

PROPOSAL SECTION
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will increase the levy by the intermediate school district of special education millage previously approved by the electors.

Shall the current 3.3177 mills limitation ($3.3177 on each $1,000.00 of taxable valuation) on the annual property tax previously approved by the electors of Van Buren Intermediate School District, Michigan, for the education of students with a disability be increased by .9 mill ($0.90 on each $1.000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2020 to 2024, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collet if the millage is approved and levied in 2020 is approximately $3,730,173 from local property taxes authorized herein?

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TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 1:00PM TO 4:00PM
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FOR VOTERS WISHING TO REGISTER IN-PERSON OR APPLY FOR AN ABSENT BALLOT FOR THE MARCH 10, 2020 ELECTION.

THE CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020 – 8:00AM TO 5:00PM
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 – 9:00AM TO 4:00PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020, ELECTION DAY, 7:00 AM TO 8:00PM

REMINDER: TO REGISTER YOU MUST SHOW PROOF OF YOUR RESIDENCY IN PERSON AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE, 7104 107TH AVENUE, SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49090

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